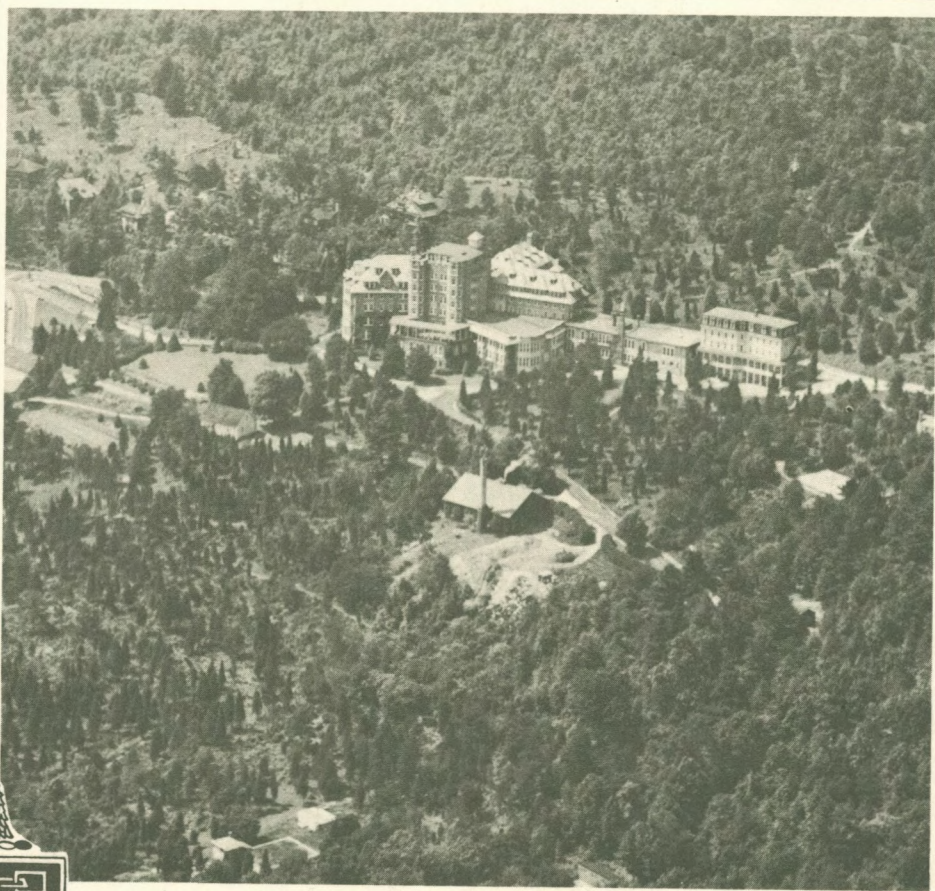


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THE COVER

And what's that lovely building on the cover? That, dear Thetas, is Galen Hall at Wernersville, Pennsylvania, where our Grand Convention will be held June 23 to 28, 1958. It's going to be wonderful, with swimming and golf and breathtaking scenery in the heart of the Pennsylvania-Dutch region, the Amish countryside.

Galen Hall rises like an old-world castle above the verdant heights of the picturesque mountains, with the only thing to disturb it being hundreds of Thetas descending on it with excited and delighted greetings. "Hello" and "how are you" will reverberate across the continent, from the east coast to the west, as we gather for our forty-third Grand Convention.

We've changed directions in midair!



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instead of at the Greenbrier in July, as previously planned. We're delighted with Galen Hall, with the relaxation and sports offered, with the surrounding splendor, with the personnel of the hotel, with the prices we're offered (\$16 a day double—\$18 a day single)—and certainly we're pleased with the clientele, which will be all Thetas. How select can you get?

Sorry we've had to change your thinking (and ours) but we're pleased with the selection, a perfect solution to a sudden problem . . . the recent raise of Greenbrier rates to \$22.50 a day, double, and \$25.00 a day, single, which would have exceeded the convention budget. Letters have gone out to all officers, clarifying the situation.

this is the convention executive committee

Betty Hogate, Chairman of the Committee, retired from Council as Grand First Vice President at the 1956 Banff Convention after serving six years, four as Grand Second Vice President. Before that, she was a District President for four years.

She is from Alpha chapter and began her alumnae activities in 1928 as president of the Detroit Alumnae chapter. Upon moving to Washington in 1944, she served on a special committee to colonize Gamma Kappa chapter at George Washington.

She is married to Don Hogate, a Washington public relations counsel, and her favorite hobbies are gardening and traveling with her husband on business trips, particularly south in the winter time.

Katherine Dennis, Social Chairman, hails from Alpha Omicron chapter at the University of Oklahoma. Her marriage to a newspaperman led to a variety of residences including Oklahoma City, Boston, Paris, Rome and now Washington, where her husband, Frank Dennis, is with the United States Information Agency.

The Dennis home in Washington is a thrill to antique lovers, and Katherine has become an authority on the subject. In fact, she and her husband have established Historic Figures, Inc., which will be a museum of life-sized figures depicting great moments in American history. It is expected to be one of the meccas for the thousands of tourists who throng Washington.

Henrietta Stone, Registration Chairman, is a graduate of the University of North Dakota where she was a member of Alpha Pi chapter. When she married a young naval officer, now Captain Evan Stone of the Medical Corps, as the culmination of a campus romance, their life took on that colorful career of the service.

Their frequent moves included a two year assignment in Paris, and Henrietta made the most of her Theta contacts everywhere. When she returned to Washington, she immediately became active in the Capital's Alumnae Chapter, and she is now Chairman of the Advisory Board of Gamma Kappa chapter at George Washington University.

Jean Kelly, Marshal of the Convention, will be among the mother-daughter teams at Galen Hall, for her mother is Jeanette Grasett, Chairman of Theta's Finance Committee. Jean was graduated from Northwestern University, where she was a member of Tau chapter.

She has been active in Theta affairs since moving to Washington 12 years ago, serving on the decorating committee for the new home of Gamma Mu at the University of Maryland.

Jean's marriage to Roy Kelly, a Washington attorney, has taken her to many parts of the world in connection with her husband's clients and investment interests. Flights to Europe or South America are almost routine in the Kelly household.



Our executive committee for convention gets to work making plans for the sudden change in our convention site, now to be held at Galen Hall near Reading, Pa.

Left to right are: Betty Hogate, chairman; Katherine Dennis, social chairman; Henrietta Stone, registration, and Jean Kelly, marshal.

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Message from Flivver

"People will never look forward to posterity
who never look backward to their ancestors."

—Edmund Burke

Our first "ancestors" were the four girls who banded together at Asbury College on Thursday, January 27, 1870. Other "ancestors" are and will continue to be, as the years pass on, the devoted women who have worked to put into action the ideals of our four young founders.

Founders' Day is a time to look backward, a time to honor those first "ancestors" for their courage. It is also a time to review our accomplishments and to plan our tomorrows. Theta's tomorrows will be great only if we do our part today. Our Founders believed that women needed the intimate companionship of other women who held the same ideals and aspirations. They believed that working together for a common cause would bring out the best in each of them. They believed that the college fraternity was the best of all places to make lasting friends. They believed that one joined a fraternity for life, that although specific obligations changed with the end of college, responsibility continued to exist.

And so, because of the desire for companionship and friendship, because of the need for a rich and rewarding group experience and the desire to enrich, enlarge and dignify life, Kappa Alpha Theta and the college fraternity system has continued to expand and to be strengthened.

What can we as today's members of Kappa Alpha Theta, an organization which has done and continues to do much to justify its existence, do to prove its worth? Because of our strong internal organization, we can present to the world a united front and continue to show that we appreciate the privilege of membership by supporting all of Theta's activities.

The very heart of our fraternity is our Friendship Fund. It is sent, "with the love of Thetas everywhere," to sisters in need. Its only source of income is the birthday pennies donated on Founders' Day, so as you gather to celebrate Kappa Alpha Theta's eighty-eighth birthday, please be generous with your pennies.

In addition to service to our own members, we can support local and national philanthropies. To be better Thetas we must understand and value our beginnings. What we are today is because of what has been. To the past we owe a debt of love and appreciation for Kappa Alpha Theta. To the present we owe our keenest thoughts and finest accomplishments because we are making tomorrow's history. To the future we owe our untiring efforts to maintain unchanged, except for strengthening, the heritage bequeathed to us.



Elizabeth Walton Little (Flivver)
Grand Treasurer

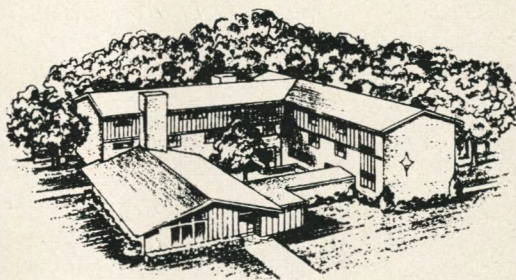
Elizabeth W. Little
Grand Treasurer

Four houses for Thetas

Alpha Chi

For many years Alpha Chi Thetas at Purdue realized that the facilities at 172 Littleton Street were inadequate for a large chapter. Several years ago plans were made to enlarge the house that had been the Thetas' home for many years, but these plans had to be abandoned. We then proceeded with plans of even greater significance—building a completely new house! The plans we made were for a house that would not only be lovely in appearance but would provide more than ample space and facilities for the chapter. Through the efforts of Elizabeth Bayley, Catherine Schroyer, Jane Shook, Helen Porter and Judy Helms, the building committee; and Marjorie Taylor, Ruth Bahls, Sue Reser, and Ann Louise Swezey, the decorating committee, these plans became a realization and in April the move across campus to 607 Russell Street took place.

The architect was Mr. Ford of Lennox, Matthews, Simmons and Ford of Indianapolis. The



The modern exterior of Alpha Chi's new chapter house encloses a lovely private patio.

house, which is of contemporary design with a brick and redwood exterior, is built around an open patio. The south wing is the living room which has a studio ceiling and is one and one-half stories in height. A one story corridor encloses the patio on the east. It provides a large coat closet and a conversation room which is used for "study dates." A three story "L" forms the north and west section of the house. On the second and third floors are 27 study rooms and the dormitory, which sleeps 58 girls. The kitchen, dining room, television room, guest bedroom and town girls' room are on the first floor of this section. The location of the house-mother's apartment in the north corner gives her a full view of the living quarters.

The color of the walls and draperies in the living room is a lovely soft blue-green. The carpeting is blue, and bright accenting colors are found in the French Provincial furnishings. The fireplace has a raised hearth and is of brick, redwood and copper. The color emphasized in the dining room is a turquoise which is used in the upholstering of the seats of the chairs and is found again in the printed draperies. A combination of rectangular and oval tables helps provide a lovely setting for gracious meals.

The modern, spacious kitchen is well-equipped. Opening the basement into one long room affords ideal space for chapter dances.

We had "Open House" in our beautiful new home during Gala Weekend and many alumnæ



A stunning story-and-a-half treatment for the living room, with French Provincial furniture, gives the impression of great space and beauty.

visited us then. We also want to thank all of the alums who so generously helped us build our dream house and to urge those who have not yet been able to visit us to do so soon. We think you will be as proud as we are!

● **Barbara Thayer**
Lafayette Alumna Chapter

Beta Kappa

As the fall semester began, the active members of Beta Kappa chapter regressed, and once again they moved into the freshman dormitory on campus. The move is temporary, however, for we are awaiting with bated breath the completion of the remodeling project which our chapter house underwent this June. And now, as the days slip away, so do the last minute details, making the tentative date for moving in come closer.

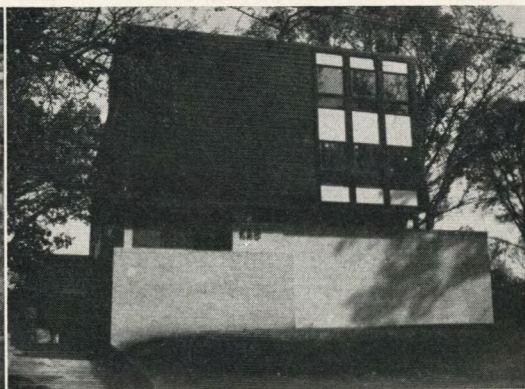
Only a glance at a before and after view of the house will readily clarify our cause for excitement. For the house which we left last spring was of unattractive, old English architecture on the exterior, while the living space was quite inadequate for our growing chapter. To the contrary, we are moving into a four story abode of modernistic design.

The lower portion of the outside of the house is an attractive beige brick, while the upper stories are a stained cedar siding. Wouldn't you like to go inside with me? As we enter the vestibule, notice that a translucent glass panel partitions this area from the living

room. And in the living room, we find on one wall the beige brick idea, broken by high, small windows. The remaining walls are painted in a harmonizing beige. Both the draperies and carpeting are of this same basic tone. However, the orange and olive furnishings create an attractive accent. While on the main floor, let's drop in the housemother's apartment. The light green walls create a welcome coolness and the off-white carpet makes the room seem nice and "comfy."

And now to the basement. By remodeling we've moved our kitchen and dining room to the lower level. The kitchen is equipped with institutionalized appliances which will make cooking on a large scale much easier. In the dining area we have new blond, formica-topped tables with matching chairs. This room will be converted into our chapter room for Monday night meetings, pledging, initiation, etc. Its roominess and modern decor will also make it a perfect recreation spot. Tile blocks on the floor will be ideal for dancing and parties—no more worries as to where we can hold each chapter shin-dig!

And how about taking a glance at the upstairs? After all that's where a co-ed spends a good share of her time; that's where she studies, that's where she dresses for that big date, and that's where she catches an occasional wink of sleep! We think the mahogany paneling enhances the staircases an awful lot. And the upstairs? We now can sleep thirty girls, quite a change from the sixteen that was maximum in the old house! There are five rooms on second floor excluding the bath and a "bridge" room. There will be ten girls on second with the following arrangement: two rooms will be used



The old and new houses for Beta Kappa reflect the trend toward simplicity and space provided by contemporary design.

for studying, dressing and sleeping, whereas the girls that live in the other two rooms will study and dress there, but will sleep in the remaining room, a spacious dormitory. On third floor there will be thirteen girls in a total of six rooms. Again there is a dorm, this one sleeping eight girls who will be studying and dressing in three rooms, while five will sleep, dress and study in the other two rooms. By using both arrangements, the dorm and the individual bedrooms, we feel that the majority can be pleased. The new bedrooms are finished in a wood-grained wallboard, the rooms in the original portion are attractively painted. All the rooms have beautiful large wardrobe closets with mahogany exterior. Here again, we find the tile blocks on the floor making for attractiveness and minimizing cleaning chores.

Well, that's it! Hope you think it sounds neat. And seriously, if you're ever in Des Moines, do drop in, we'd so enjoy giving you an actual guided tour!

● **Judy Howard**
Beta Kappa Chapter

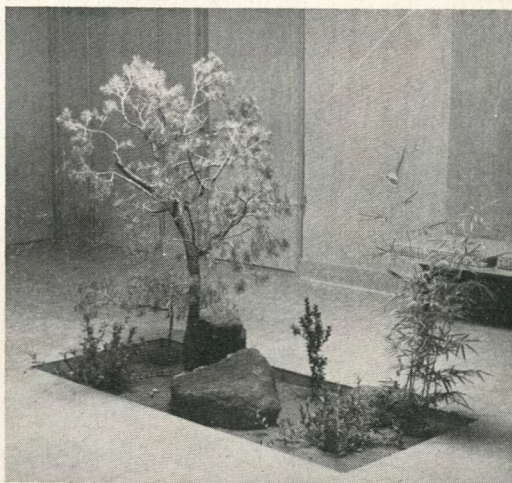
Gamma Omicron

Gamma Omicron is proud to be keeping in step with the rapid growth of the Southwest. When we saw the estimated enrollment figures for the next 10 years at UNM, we took a quick look at our cramped quarters, sold our house to the University and embarked on a building program. And now we are the envy of all the groups on campus!

Our new house is nestled snugly in the corner at 1807 Mesa Vista, next to the SAEs and across from the Phi Deltis. The architecture is modern pueblo done by James S. Liberty, AIA. The lines are straight and clean, yet the Navajo motif on the overhang and the cream-colored stucco blend it with the other pueblo houses on the block.

Landscaping has always been a problem here in the Southwest and that was why we unanimously chose the new, native island-sea arrangement of using pinons, pines and shrubs with large areas of gravel. This should be easy to keep during the long, hot summer months!

The lot called for a split-level plan with the



The planting in the entry of Gamma Omicron's new house was a gift from the architect.

entry hall and foyer, living room, dining room, kitchen, chapter or recreational room, office, house mother's suite, lounge and town girls' room on the main floor. The two levels on the back are the dorm floors with 16 rooms comfortably housing 32 girls.

Every possible square inch of space had to be functional . . . for as in everything else today we wanted to get the most for our investment. What pleases alumnae, mothers and actives alike is that now we have the gracious Theta home we've long dreamed of having.

When guests or dates come to our home, they are detained in a small entry vestibule by closed double doors and a buzzer system from there is used to call their Theta. Once past the vestibule doors you find yourself in a spacious foyer and are immediately fascinated by the unique sunken planter that is drenched in light from the skylight above it. The planting was a gift from our architect and follows the same oriental theme as the outside landscaping. It



The new pueblo chapter house at UNM blends with its setting.

might even interest the girls to know that the miniature pinon symbolizes long life, the bamboo plant symbolizes strength and the flowering shrub symbolizes beauty. The buff-colored quarry tile floor and mahogany panelled walls make a perfect background for the bright-cushioned benches and oriental prints.

To the left is the living room with warm shades of green and gold and a luxurious gold carpet. The fireplace is panelled with mahogany and has a handsome hearth and facing of imported red marble. The modern mosaic hanging over the fireplace was a gift from Helen and John Wood and serves not only as an interesting conversational piece but a wonderful spot of color for the room.

The living room and dining room are separated by four marcolete screen doors that slide into the fireplace wall to provide entertaining continuity between these two rooms. The dining room will seat 60 and already has amply taken care of a big open house crowd.

The kitchen is a dream come true for so many of us, the cook included! Now we have the latest in equipment . . . a beautiful stainless steel counter that boasts disposal and electric dishwasher. Even "the black monster" was retired and the Mother's Club is presenting us with a beautiful stainless steel electric stove.

To the right of the front door you'll find the office, where mail is claimed, files kept and sign-outs are made. Next to it is our recreational-chapter room complete with functional built-ins and closets all panelled in the same beautiful mahogany. Also opening on the foyer is the house mother's suite. And how nice it is for her to have a sitting room of her own! Finally, too, we have a men's room.

Back of the foyer is a room we now call the lounge, to which we hope to add attractive modern furniture next year. Off this is the town girls' room, a pleasant place to rest or study for our city gals.

Then you either go up or down to the two dorm floors. The ground floor includes the storage room, laundry room and mechanical room plus an enormous formal closet. And the girls are thoroughly enjoying the luxury of the ceramic-tiled baths done in a luscious raspberry color.

This was a dedicated project to the members of the corporation board and special thanks go to Mary Whitnell Thorpe, Carolyn Koch

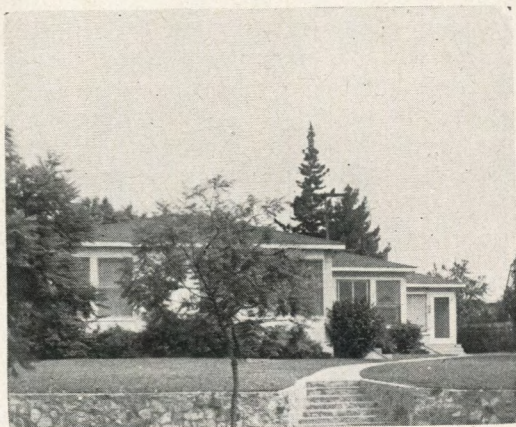
Weaver, Marlyn Thomas Brooks, Martha Hill Nufer, Jane Bobbit Gantz, Sue Moreland, Whit Driscoll Darsey, Elizabeth MacLeren Huntington and Peggy Calvin Balcomb. Helen Stone Wood helped co-chairman the decorating committee and Jane Haley Krummes served on the building committee. The advice and suggestions of the actives were especially helpful. And our wonderful Mother's Club supplied the draperies for all the main floor rooms! So you see it was a united project and we are all grateful for the interest and help in building a truly beautiful home for Theta at UNM.

● **Kathy Williams**
Gamma Omicron Chapter

Gamma Sigma

Hurrah . . . we have a new house! Perhaps it would be more accurate just to say that we have a house, for we've never had one before.

Late in August, happy Gamma Sigmas moved into their new residence at 5824 Montezuma Road, just a block off campus. The dwelling is a three-unit building with a large patio and garage in the back. The units have been christened Kappa, Alpha and Theta. Kappa and Alpha are dorms and study rooms, each sleeping five girls. The kitchens in these units have been converted into dressing rooms. Theta is used as receiving room, kitchen and dining area, and housemother's quarters. The garage is being con-



Gamma Sigma of San Diego proudly displays its first chapter house.

verted into a chapter room. Early in the summer Thetas bricked the floor of the patio, and had a grape-stake fence installed, inclosing the entire area. This was a life-saver during the warm rush week.

Our new house is located between the Alpha Chi Omega house and the Sigma Chi house. The Sigs recently built a trellis and installed it between the two houses "so that the house-mothers could get better acquainted." The trellis was duly christened with a serenade and a

bottle of Pepsi-cola, but disappeared soon after. A rival fraternity is highly suspect.

We'd like to extend special thanks to our alums and friends who helped make our dream come true. The house had done wonders for chapter unity and we hope that all chapters who do not have a house as yet can soon share our wonderful experience.

● **Sharon Jackson**
Gamma Sigma Chapter

Tippycanoe and millrace, too

● **Elisabeth Walton**
Alpha Psi Chapter

If you have ever floated lazily down a millstream under a canopy of willows, or picnicked on the soft grassy banks of a millrace in your home town, you know the special enchantment that a millstream lends a college campus. You will also know how we at the University of Oregon felt when one of our oldest traditions was in danger of becoming a permanently sluggish stream, having been damaged by a destructive flood. To save the millrace, foresighted students and faculty working closely with the Eugene townspeople have recently launched a successful restoration project. When restoration costs were announced, a wave of fervent campaigning began. Students solicited, living organizations contributed, and when our student body president staged a tree-sitting marathon until the final \$3000 goal was reached, cries of "Get Brittsan out of the Tree!" were mingled with the already familiar slogan: "Tippycanoe and Millrace, Too!"

Our millrace is not important to us solely for its scenic appeal. The Spring Float Parade and Greek Week racing competitions take place in this picturesque setting. Last May the famous Hoagy Carmichael honored us by serving as our master of ceremonies at the annual "Canoe Fete," at which time colorful floats constructed by campus living organizations "stardusted" down the "Race" to orchestral and choral accompaniment. The May Queen and her court led the gala procession on their dazzling float.



Greek week sees furious activity on Oregon's millrace.

The Thetas and their Beta partners placed a winner with a giant replica of the Eiffel tower which glided along to the tune of "I Love Paris."

Greek Week activities were highlighted when fraternity crews furiously plied their paddles in the exciting annual canoe races.

Each student at the University of Oregon knows the role that the Millrace plays in campus traditions, fun and competition. The "Race" will run in our hearts forever!!!

Budding journalist

● Kathryn Vorbach Fox *Long Island Alumnae Chapter*

Beth Bogie received her first taste of journalism at the age of nine when her father, who is managing editor of *Banking* magazine in New York City, let her paste up a dummy at his office. Thoroughly enjoying herself, she said to her father, "You mean they pay you for doing this?" Since that day Beth's interest in this field has not only grown but also begun to take definite shape.

This summer, after completing her freshman year at DePauw University, Beth received the practical equivalent of at least one year in journalism school. A temporary member of the production department of *Look* Magazine, she dealt with advertising and did secretarial work.

Later in the summer she experienced another phase of journalism—the country weekly. At *The Northport Journal* near her home in Fort Salonga, Long Island, Beth wrote all types of news, from page one stories to obituaries, worked with type in page forms, and helped deliver the papers to the newsstands. "I could have had no more varied or interesting experience than on this country weekly," said Beth. "I discovered, too, the real value of this career. In a few weeks I interviewed and wrote feature



Beth Bogie of DePauw sits on the arm of her mother's chair as they discuss her journalistic whirl. Her mother is Elizabeth Berrhill Bogie (also Alpha chapter), a member of the Long Island alumnae chapter.

stories on an authority on art, a lawyer, a military leader, an archaeologist, a noted inventor and a public relations man. Journalism is not only a profession but also a continuous liberal education."

Beth's printed articles are numerous and her by-line acknowledgments are plentiful. One striking work is a thirteen inch editorial expressing her views as a teenager in the midst of today's juvenile "furor"; a truly mature judgment and understanding statement of the teenager's position in our society.

In addition to her work with *Look* and *The Northport Journal*, Beth did proofreading for Suffolk Consolidated Press, a chain of seven newspapers on Long Island.

During the school year Beth, who is her family's fourth generation Theta in Alpha chapter, is majoring in English and getting the broadest possible background in other subjects. Continuing the family tradition, she is taking courses from English professors Raymond W. Pence and Jerome C. Hixson, under both of whom her parents studied when they went to DePauw.

Following a journalistic path in college ac-

tivities her freshman year, Beth wrote copy for the yearbook, worked on the newspaper, and reported for the *Alpha Times*. In addition, she served on the dormitory personnel committee, participated in the modern dance program in the May Day festival, and was scholarship chairman of her pledge class.

In high school she was, among other things, editor of the yearbook, a member of the national honor society, and salutatorian of her class. During the summer of 1956 she began her reporting for *The Smithtown News*, another small town weekly.

By design or otherwise some of Beth's closest associates in Theta's Alpha chapter are also well marked with printer's ink. Her sorority mother, Jo Petry, who was editor of the college newspaper, *The DePauw*, is now a reporter for the *Chicago Tribune*. Ann Johnson, one of *Made-moiselle's* twenty guest editors this year is rooming with Beth as well as Suzanne Scherr, co-editor of the *Alpha Times*.

Beth is certain to shine as a sophomore at DePauw and the Long Island Alumnae chapter eagerly await her vivacious return to their midst.

Stop, look and listen! The above article deals with a fourth generation Theta from Alpha chapter . . .

Plot for three pianos

● Mildred Benton

Washington D.C. Alumnae Chapter



Evelyn Swarthout Hayes is at center piano.

Twenty-one thousand dollars worth of pianos and three of the most talented pianists in Washington, D.C. were recently featured in a concert at Constitution Hall. One of the pianists was Evelyn Swarthout Hayes (Alpha Iota, Washington University, St. Louis) whose impresario husband, Patrick Hayes, put together a program

for his tenth anniversary concert that was, indeed, a piano concerto lover's dream.

The pianos were three 9-foot "Model D" Steinways, the biggest made. They came into action gradually. First Evelyn played the Beethoven Second concerto with what one of the music critics termed "precision, accuracy, and ravishing legato."

Then the second piano was wheeled up to stand cheek-to-cheek with the first and two artists performed. Finally, the orchestra was pushed over to the right half of the stage and all three pianos were ranged in staggered-echelon formation on the left for the Bach C Major triple concerto. The soloists flipped coins to see who would play which piano. Even so they had to trade pianos in mid-concert.

The city's top Steinway specialist tuned the pianos individually; tuned them again when they were assembled at Constitution Hall; tuned them again after a rehearsal and one more time prior to the performance. It took him 25 hours. According to Evelyn, "tuning one piano for a concert is a job, tuning two together is a stunt, and tuning three of them is a miracle."

The Altruistic Attitude

● **Mary X. Plummer**

Philanthropy Chairman



Two people understand each other as they strive toward the same goal. Adeline Plank, supervisor of occupational therapy instructs a child in basic hand movements at the Institute of Logopedics in Wichita, Kansas.

Pride in service to Kappa Alpha Theta at the national level as well as at the local level was apparently the driving force for alumnae chapters and clubs during the year 1956-57. A survey, recently completed, shows the many services Theta alumnae members are giving to their communities and to Theta college chapters. The philanthropy committee feels the fraternity as a whole should know Theta alumnae in the United States and Canada are aware that "to exercise the widest influence for good," is as important now as it was when they were college members.

Since the philanthropy projects were first started, a total of \$242,200 has been given to the Institute of Logopedics and the Foster Parents Plan. This past year, contributions in the amount of \$23,000 have been given to the Occupational Therapy department of the Institute, \$6,522.65 to the Foster Parents Plan, \$1,250.38 toward upkeep of the Theta Court and \$500 for scholarships at the Institute.

Chapter	Complete Contribution to National Philanthropy Fund		Local Projects	Financial Support Local Project
	Logopedics	Plan		
Appleton	\$1015.00		Decorating Alpha Psi Chapter Rooms	
Atlanta	650.61		None	
Austin	807.84		None	
Baltimore	427.15	\$1259.74	Junior League Preschool for blind children.	\$ 116.25
Berkeley	2068.91	40.00	Speech department of Herrick Memorial Hospital. Countless hours volunteer work.	100.00
			Omega Building Fund	400.00
Boston	259.51	105.00	Help to chapter member	60.00
Buffalo	276.89		Assistance to Gamma Eta	
			Protestant Home for Children. Birthday cards, gifts, and cakes.	
Burlington	640.32	159.24	None	
Champaign-Urbana	2921.24		United Council of Social Agencies	650.00
Chicago-Southside	1263.18		Central Committee—Illinois Surgical Institute	300.00
Cincinnati	747.74		University of Cincinnati Scholarships	150.00
Cleveland	1545.33	260.00	Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center	825.00
			Contribution jointly with West Shore Club	
Columbus	2701.49		United Appeals	30.00
Dallas	2784.06		Dallas Speech Center	2976.00
			Countless hours of volunteer work.	
Dayton	1322.83		Dayton Hearing and Speech Clinic.	70.00
Denver	1377.28		Needle Work Guild. Colorado Society for Crippled Children—over 1000 hours volunteer work.	105.00

*Complete Contribution to
National Philanthropy Fund*

<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Logopedics</i>	<i>Plan</i>	<i>Local Projects</i>	<i>Financial Support Local Project</i>
Des Moines	1935.74		Polk County Society for Crippled Children and Adults	964.00
Detroit	5198.67	555.00	Booth Memorial Home	50.00
Edmonton	74.51		Detroit Orthopedic Clinic	1800.00
El Paso	427.14		Canadian Mental Health Association	
Evanston-North Shore	1267.04	180.00	Volunteer hours	
Fargo	212.67		None	
Fort Worth	1300.00		Illinois State Project	400.00
Fresno	92.85		Tau Scholarship	100.00
Gary	652.65	60.00	Assistance to Alpha Pi Chapter house	270.00
Greencastle	310.96		Assistance to Gamma Psi	
Hartford	438.14		Assistance to Gamma Chi	
Honolulu	1114.90		None	
Houston	6142.75	1500.00	Wesley Child Center for Emotionally Dis- turbed Children	50.00
Indianapolis	4525.96	15.00	Girl Scout Fellowship Fund	5.00
Kansas City	6517.31	15.25	Houston Speech and Hearing Center	3940.81
Lafayette	523.29	195.00	Marion County Child Guidance Clinic	400.00
Lansing	975.12		Countless hours to Well-Baby Clinic	
Lincoln	641.97		Medical Center Speech Clinic	250.00
Long Beach	2013.68		Chapter member help	433.00
Long Island	1267.49	2343.00	Tornado victims help	100.00
Los Angeles	4754.00	2125.00	None	
Lubbock	59.67		Christmas party for Cerebral Palsied children	134.00
Madison	970.23		Panhellenic benefit for MSU fund.	
Miami	1950.53	75.00	Established the Minnie Lotta Ladd and Gertrude Laws Hardy Scholarships at the U. of Nebraska. Money solicited from all Rho Thetas to honor the memory of the Rho founders, amounted to \$30,000.	
Milwaukee	2488.51		Gift to chapter house	250.00
Minneapolis	386.70	30.00	Long Beach United Hospital Fund	
Nashville	9131.57	300.00	Boys' and Girls' Aid Society	
New Orleans	869.00		Girl Scouts	300.00
New York	1197.05		Dental Health Clinic	
Oklahoma City	2982.09		Exceptional Children's Foundation	
			Christmas gifts to children at Cardiac Home	25.00
			Florence Crittenden Home	268.00
			USO and volunteer hours	50.00
			Boys' and Girls' Aid	35.00
			Assistance to Gamma Phi	300.00
			None	
			Junior Museum	25.00
			St. Alban's Day Nursery for Negro Children	100.00
			Student Welfare—Needy school children	50.00
			Mental Health Film	125.00
			Volunteer hours for Mental Health Society amounted to 138½.	
			Assistance to Gamma Gamma and Gamma Omega	250.00
			Volunteers of America Day Nursery	700.00
			Children's Hospital	50.00
			Upsilon Corporation Board	200.00
			Family and Children's Service	1000.00
			None	
			Magazines to Deaf School	
			Volunteer hours at Children's Convalescent Hospital. Table and window decorations for Children's Convalescent Hospital and Crippled Children's Hospital.	
			Volunteer hours for Easter Seals.	
			Easter egg hunt for Sunbeam Home.	

Chapter	Complete Contribution to National Philanthropy Fund		Local Projects	Financial Support Local Project
	Logopedics	Plan		
Omaha	2521.46		Omaha Hearing School, staffed one day a week Free will Christmas gift to U. of Nebraska Hospital Pediatrics ward Ladd-Hardy Scholarship Fund of U. of Nebraska United Community Services	100.00 20.00 200.00 20.00
Pasadena and Pasadena Junior	4237.23		Loan and Fellowship Fund Boys' and Girls' Aid Society of Los Angeles County. Gifts to Omicron and Beta Xi Pasadena Chapter Pasadena Juniors	100.00 736.00 450.00
Philadelphia	1722.46	37.00	Assistance to Beta Eta	500.00
Pittsburgh	2062.77	1850.00	Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children	900.00
Portland	1110.88	1475.00	Tucker Maxson Oral School Scholarship	450.00
Reno	1130.66		Eagle Children's Foundation, Inc. Eagle Valley Ranch	125.00
Sacramento Valley	422.23	525.00	Crippled Children's Society Volunteer hours.	100.00
St. Louis	9541.14	1260.00	St. Louis Chapter, Girl Scouts of America	1000.00
St. Paul	338.65		Christmas gifts to County Home for Aged Upsilon Corporation Board	150.00
San Antonio	2790.84		United Fund	100.00
San Diego	2759.80	25.00	Community Guidance Center	181.87
San Francisco	2142.00		Donald Sharp Memorial Hospital Refreshments for Armed Services YMCA, also wrap Christmas presents	100.00
San Jose	583.60		Aid Retarded Children Nursery School	50.00
Santa Barbara	216.91		Omega Building Fund	200.00
Seattle	842.53	671.10	Assistance to chapter member Scholarship, U. of California at Santa Bar- bara Gamma Rho Housing Fund	50.00 200.00 200.00
Spokane	675.70		Creative Arts Program for Speech Handi- capped Year's tuition to Home Economics student at the University of Washington	783.00
Syracuse	1705.19		Spokane Rehabilitation Center	25.00
Tacoma	595.90	50.00	Philharmonic patronesses Frank T. McCarthy School for Retarded Children	35.00
Toledo	2037.30		Pierce County Welfare Department Assistance to Delta Delta Chapter Christmas gifts to children at Western State Hospital	30.00 50.00
Topeka	3815.24		Speech lessons for handicapped child Child and Family Service Countless hours of sewing and knitting for the Service.	72.00 205.00
Toronto	42.33	1635.00	Family Service	25.00
Tucson	734.88		Countless hours to Logopedics Field Center at Lincoln School.	
Tulsa	1187.24	465.00	None	
Vancouver, B.C.	45.77		None	
Washington, D.C.	2533.17	180.00	Assistance to Gamma Tau Chapter Children's Aid—Receiving Home for Boys Assistance to Beta Upsilon Speech scholarship George Washington Uni- versity Speech scholarship University of Maryland Assistance to Gamma Kappa Assistance to Gamma Mu	800.00 50.00 500.00 500.00 400.00 337.00

Wichita	5509.37		Community Chest	10.00
			Wichita Symphony	10.00
			Countless hours given to the Institute of Logopedics and National Auxiliary of the Institute of Logopedics	
Yakima	367.32		Easter Seal Campships	42.00
<i>Clubs</i>				
Akron	136.98		Akron Panhellenic Association to assist Children's Home	20.00
Albuquerque	87.67		Speech Therapy Clinic	20.00
Bakersfield	20.00		Panhellenic Scholarship Fund	20.00
Battle Creek	146.33		Charitable Union	25.00
Birmingham	1987.47	15.00	Birmingham Association for Handicapped Children. Volunteer work.	344.53
			Michigan League for Crippled Children	60.00
			Assistance to Pi and Eta	360.00
			Volunteer hours—Good Samaritan Hospital	
			Assistance Twin State House Tour	
Charlotte	9.60			
Chicago Tri-Suburban and Tri-Suburban Jr.	1049.06		Illinois State Project	256.00
Cheyenne	167.59		Cheyenne Opportunity School for Handicapped Children	20.00
Chicago West Suburban	10.00		Illinois State Project	150.00
Cleveland West Shore	145.90		Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center, contributed jointly with Cleveland Chapter	825.00
Diablo Valley Club	17.42		Juvenile Home at Martinez, California	150.00
Enid	100.00		Volunteer help to local Cerebral Palsy Drive	
Fairlington-Parkfairfax	50.00		Christmas Bureau of Alexandria	5.00
			Assistance to Panhellenic to create scholarships	
La Jolla	5.00		Assistance to Gamma Sigma	
Marin County	264.44		Assistance to Panhellenic	
Marion	25.00		Grant County School for Retarded Children	25.00
Missoula	5.00		Assistance to Alpha Nu Building Fund	400.00
New Haven	70.00		Community Ambassador Program	14.09
Oak Park	10.00		Sewing days and birthday parties for the Illinois State Project	135.00
Olympia	240.00		Girls' State	5.00
Orange County	470.14		Boys' and Girls' Aid Society-Pasadena	25.00
			Orange Polio County Polio Fund	427.00
			Orange County Hospital, volunteer hours and furnishings	
Orlando-Winter Park	75.00		Children's Library	14.45
Palo Alto	16.53		Family Service	150.00
			Scholarship to Gamma Xi	100.00
Rock Island, Moline	55.00		Assistance to Gamma Xi	50.00
Salem	20.70		Assisted family at Christmas	10.00
			Food, gifts, clothing to adopted family, and German refugee family.	
San Fernando Valley	411.76	638.85	Altadena Aid Society	175.00
San Mateo-Burlingame	881.00		Participation in Valley Panhellenic	
South Bay	229.36		Children's Health Home	100.00
Westchester County	856.00		Assistance to Omicron and Beta Xi	268.00
			Mobility, Inc. New Rochelle	450.00
			Youth Consultation Service	25.00
			Assistance to Easter Seal and Panhellenic	
Westchester Shore			Mobility, Inc.	100.00
Westside Los Angeles	1162.60		Boys' and Girls' Aid Society	150.00
			U.S.O.—Hollywood	20.00
			Crittenden Home	21.00
Westfield, N.J.	114.40		Clothing, toys, books to needy family	
Whittier	280.00	405.00	Crippled Children's Guild of Orthopedic Hospital	257.00
			Boys' and Girls' Aid Society	25.00
			Clothing, toys for needy family	
Wilmington	98.00		Cerebral Palsy Association	100.00
Windsor, Canada			Speech and Hearing Center	5.00
Youngstown	60.00			

In defense of fraternities

● **Russell Kirk**

National Review

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Samuel Johnson and his friends spoke of "clubbable men." Not being one such, I never joined a fraternity. When I take up my cudgel in defense of fraternities, therefore, it is from no private motive. And fraternities nowadays seem to need some disinterested champions. Surely they do not lack for energetic assailants. Nor will it do to say that all the opposition to college fraternities comes from the envious, the malign, and the collectivistically-minded. A good deal of the abuse heaped upon them does indeed come from such quarters; but there also are sharp criticisms from persons of a different stamp. In a number of *Commentary* last year, for instance, there appeared an account of fraternity exclusiveness by James Rorty. Mr. Rorty, a liberal journalist of the old school, courageous, sincere, and informed, always deserves to be taken seriously, whether one agrees with him or not: he deliberately sets himself against them that sit in the seats of the mighty, and his principles are a world away from the assumptions that dominate the fashionable leftward-verging collectivistic liberalism of our day. So Mr. Rorty's criticisms, and those of some other gentlemen, are not to be dismissed as malicious or somehow subversive.

All human institutions are imperfect. And fraternities never will become perfect. It would be foolish to expect an organization of very young people, in college, to attain a perfection of conduct and policy quite unknown to any organization of adults. So we ought not to demand that the fraternities become so many Terrestrial Paradises, purged of snobbery and exclusiveness and folly. But they have been improving. The rough hazing of which they often were guilty two decades ago has diminished markedly; and at most colleges, far from being an influence detrimental to scholarship—which, on occasion, some of them used to be—they now

have become, most of them, bulwarks of a decent minimum, at least, in academic performance. Fraternity brothers and sorority sisters seem to have grown increasingly tolerant, too, of differences of opinion and social standing. Fraternities are not getting worse; which is more than one can say of our world at large.

Yet criticism of fraternities, and actions against them, nevertheless have been growing more intense. Such a phenomenon is common enough in human affairs: while a prudent reform is in process, radicals often destroy both the reform and the parent institution by imprudent demands for immediate perfection. "Half way down the stairs," Tocqueville wrote of his countrymen in the age of the French Revolution, "we threw ourselves out of the window in order to get to the ground more quickly." Believing the fraternities to be forces for good, I do not want to have them thrown out of windows by radical doctrinaires.

The attack already has proceeded a great way. At the University of New York State (not to be confounded with New York University or with that old non-teaching body, the University of the State of New York), for instance, national fraternities have been banned altogether. Similar demands have been made at the University of Colorado. Pressure has been exerted in many states and institutions to abolish fraternities whose national organizations have "discriminatory" clauses in their constitutions. At Amherst, an effort was made during and shortly after World War Two—when most of the fraternity brothers were away in the Army—to close the fraternity houses permanently. At the University of Michigan, the student government—spurred on by a young Pharisee student-paper editor—has threatened to force out of existence a fraternity whose national organization is said to oppose admission of Negroes to the chapters. And this catalogue of anti-fraternity agitation could be lengthened greatly.

Any sensible discussion of matters social must take into account the origins and ends of exist-

ing institutions. American college fraternities arose to satisfy the most fundamental of social instincts, the desire for community. Being gregarious creatures, we all feel in some degree the longing for congenial companionship. And as American colleges increased in enrollment, the need for community among the students became the more real. Our fraternities, some of which are a century and a quarter old, came into existence as social clubs and arrangements for companionable living. In this country, we never had anything very like the English collegiate system, in which the colleges of a university are at once private clubs and teaching bodies. For lack of Magdalen and Christ Church, Pembroke and Merton, our students developed clubs called fraternities, in which a small number of friends, united by some simple bonds of common belief and background, might live together on a humane scale.

Now a sense of community is part of the primary needs of man. A community is satisfactory only when it is free: when its members feel that they belong voluntarily, and that their associates share common interests. College fraternities are one proven way to find satisfying community. A few of our universities and colleges, in very recent years, have established "house" systems analogous to the Oxford and Cambridge colleges, which seem to work reasonably well: but the fraternity, the college residential club, remains our principal American means for giving students a home in a college town. Fraternities are more important, indeed, than ever they were before; because the enrollments of most of our universities and colleges are now swollen to bursting-point, and the individual student is lost in a faceless mob of five or ten or even twenty thousand young people. Fraternity life is an important means of redeeming our colleges from the menace of the herd.

In our age, only one alternative to voluntary community is conceivable; and that is collectivism. If free associations like our college fraternities are forced out of existence, they will be replaced not by an idyllic individualism, a perfection of equality and liberty and self-reliance, but only by the mob—by a mass of confused students subject to an impersonal university administration or to a clique of student demagogues. Therefore it seems important to inquire into the charges against fraternities, which their enemies have been pressing ener-

getically these past several years.

The primary charge is that fraternities are snobbish and exclusive. The immediate justification for this charge is the fact that many national fraternities, frankly or implicitly, decline to admit certain categories of students into their chapters: most commonly Negroes, Jews, and (sometimes) Catholics.

Regardless of the principle involved, the fact is that our fraternities, both local and national are less exclusive nowadays than ever they were before. Only rarely is there objection to a pledge-candidate because he is a Roman Catholic, although once this might automatically have disqualified him. In a good many fraternities, there is little marked prejudice nowadays against Jews. Some local—and I think some national—fraternities admit Jews.

Yet regardless of your feelings and my feelings toward Negroes, Jews, and Catholics, it is not you and I who have a right to say what qualifications a fraternity should establish for membership. If a fraternity should admit only Negroes, Jews, and Catholics, you and I—taking us members of the general public—would have no right to object. If a fraternity should admit only Anglo-Saxons, Christians, and Protestants, you and I would have no right to object. For a fraternity is not public property. It does not belong to the federal government, or the state or local government. It does not belong to the trustees or the faculty at the college with which it happens to be associated. A fraternity is a private club. Its qualifications for membership are the legitimate concern only of its members.

I might wish, perhaps, that if fraternities exclude Jews, they should do so only out of an honest persuasion that their fraternity professes the Christian religion. I might wish that if fraternities exclude Negroes, they should do so out of some reasoned theory, true or fallacious, about racial intermingling and social backgrounds. But I would have no right to try to enforce my wishes upon any particular fraternity, unless I were a member of that fraternity.

Neither does a college administration ordinarily have a right to regulate the conditions of membership in fraternities. True, a college usually issues fraternities some sort of charter; sometimes this function is exercised by the general student council. But the justification is simply that the college has the duty of ensuring, within limits, that the students enrolled in the

college observe certain minimum standards of decent conduct, whether they are members of fraternities, or residents of dormitories, or independents. When the regulation of fraternities by the college authorities exceeds this prudent police-power, then such regulation becomes unjustified. For the fraternity houses, usually, do not belong to the college. And the students, always, are not the property of the college. The students are free individuals. They have enrolled in the college for specified educational purposes. The lawful and prudential jurisdiction of the college over them is strictly limited.

On nearly every college faculty will be found some persons who talk of "total education," of how the college ought to remake the personalities of its students, of how the college ought to pave the way for a Brave New World, of how the college ought to stamp out ancient prejudices and parental notions and creeds outworn. These idealogues commonly have a good deal to do with campus movements to abolish or strictly regulate the fraternities.

But these idealogues almost never form the majority of any faculty or college administration; still more seldom do they form the majority of any board of trustees; and they certainly do not represent the views of most alumni, let alone of the American public. I do advise fraternity-members not to give ground before these gentry; to appeal to a court of law, if necessary, against them. For in defending their own

right to voluntary association, fraternities are defending the whole concept of free community.

Let me draw an analogy. Suppose a body of vociferous opponents suddenly were to assail that pleasant institution, the Harvard Club, in New York City. Only Harvard graduates can belong to that club; and this, the critics might cry, is demonstrably snobbish and exclusive. Down with this discrimination! Let the general public into the Harvard Club; or at the very least, admit the graduates of Dismal Swamp Agricultural and Mechanical Institute, the College of Our Lady of the Sorrows, and Weinburg Secretarial University.

To these embattled critics, the startled officers of the Harvard Club doubtless would reply that the facilities of the club are limited; that since time out of mind only Harvard men have been admitted; that this policy implies no hatred of Dismal Swamp A & M, Our Lady of Sorrows, and Weinburg Secretarial, but only a feeling of common interest among Harvard alumni; and that, after all, it's *our* club.

The defenders of the Harvard Club would be quite right. And whatever the failings of our college fraternities, they are quite right in maintaining that only those private clubs, the fraternities themselves, have the right to say who shall be invited to join, and who shall not. Everybody does *not* belong to everybody else. That is true only in Brave New World; and America, praise be, is not yet Brave New World.

Across the page

Upper left:

A sophomore at Santa Barbara College of the University of California, Nanci Robertson's picture appeared on the cover of *Newsweek* magazine (Sept. 23), and she was also interviewed for their feature article on page 66 entitled *The Co-ed Rush on our Colleges*.

Upper right:

Margo Lucey (Gamma Mu) is still busy being beautiful. As Miss Washington, she was also Queen Bee of the Birthday Ball and representative to the Cherry Festival in Washington. Last year (1956) she was first runner-up to Miss America, with a succession of beauty titles behind her that would have filled a page of print—in addition to having been, once upon a time, backstroke champion of Egypt.

Lower left:

A contestant in the Miss America pageant this year was Kay Nielson of Rho chapter, Nebraska—as Miss Nebraska. Kay was Miss Derby of the Sigma Chi Derby last year, finalist for campus beauty queen and also finalist as Sigma Phi Epsilon Sweetheart.

Lower right:

Dulce Cottle, a junior at Santa Barbara, appeared on the July 1957 cover of *National Photographer* magazine after a picture of her was entered in the competition at the National Photographer's Convention in Chicago, where it was awarded a Gold Medal. She is a student of commercial art with an added interest in modelling.

Even beauty has a

national level



Nanci Robertson



Margo Lucey



Kay Nielson



Dulce Cottle

The art of poetry

● Marilyn Miller Czufin

St. Louis Alumnae Chapter

Active in many organizations, interested in gardening, and, also, a devoted grandmother, Margery Finigan Dodson recently added another honor to her already full life. After twice winning honorable mention, Margery was awarded the first prize in the Wednesday Club Poetry Contest. In this important St. Louis contest, each entrant submits five poems which are rated by a point system by three nationally known judges. We were indeed proud and happy that Margery was announced the winner over a large group of entrants.

Like many things in life, Margery began her interest in writing and poetry by accident. After attending Washington University, where she was an active member of Theta (Alpha Iota), she married a struggling engineer, Rowland Dodson, Jr. Having several years of ill health and little spending money, Margery turned to writing, as pencils and paper were cheap. Blissfully, she enrolled in a summer creative writing course at Washington University, thinking that writing would certainly not be physically exhausting. However, Margery soon learned that this was a completely naive idea! Thus began a series of various courses in creative writing and English literature which included correspondence and night courses.

Had it not been for World War II, Margery would have undoubtedly become a professional fiction writer. However, with the coming of the war, fiction soon became trivial and unimportant and, as St. Louis was far from combat areas, writing war stories was impossible. Thus, Margery turned to more immediate and active interests. She helped with a rental library at the First Unitarian Church, was active on school committees, Red Cross, and for many years did research on the care of the aged for the St. Louis Social Planning Council, of which she was also a board member. During this period, Margery occasionally wrote poetry but only for her own enjoyment.

After the war, and with a tremendous long-



Margery Finigan Dodson

ing to return to writing, Margery enrolled in the University of Colorado's Writer's Conference for the summer. Taking along some old short stories and verses she had jotted down, Margery was amazed to find that it was the verse which most interested the professionals. Thus began serious work for her on the craft of poetry and familiarizing herself with the great poets of the past, plus our own contemporary poets. She returned to the University of Colorado for another summer and then attended Middlebury College in Vermont. From her various studies, Margery had the honor of working under several of our outstanding poets such as Randall Jarrell, Carl Shapiro, John Ciardi, Robert Frost, and many others.

With two grown children and two lovely grandchildren, Margery still finds time to take an active interest in several St. Louis poetry groups, besides being represented in Poetry Magazine. However, she still feels that she writes verse simply for the enjoyment and has often said, "Life is more interesting and rewarding to me than literature and I rather suspect I shall always keep verse where I think it belongs."

Of planes and print

Aviation writer Jean Hanmer Pearson is going to run out of things to do at the rate she's going. As the first newspaper woman to crack the sound barrier, soaring at an altitude of 40,000 feet with the Air Force men, she is also the first American newspaperwoman to fly over the North Pole.

Jean was initiated into Theta at the University of Michigan where she already showed literary talent on the staff of the *Michigan Daily*. When the war began, she began flight lessons and by Pearl Harbor Day was well on her way to 200 air hours and her license.

She was in the third class to be graduated from the WASPS, the wartime women's ferrying service. She flew single and multi-engined planes and was stationed with the Third Tow Target Squadron of the Air Corps. Before the end of the war she transferred to the WAVES, where she is now a lieutenant in the active naval reserve.

When her husband returned from his Army tour in the Pacific to his job as an assistant Friend of the Court she went to work on a newspaper doing court reporting and fashion writing. After trying a fling in public relations she returned to Wayne to get her degree and went on studying in audio-visual work for her master's and doctorate. For part of her master's degree she wrote and produced a film strip on the role of the teacher in public relations. The strip was later produced and used nationally by the National Education Association. Before returning to newspaper work she had an assistant fellowship at Wayne University and brought to teaching the same dedicated spirit she has to any job.

When the opportunity came, she was ready to return to writing, and to writing about the



Jean Hanmer Pearson, aviation writer and flyer, who is the first newspaperwoman to crack the sound barrier.

thing she know and loved most, flying. When Jean returned to the city desk she was the only woman on assignment there. She covers all the aviation news and many of the big science stories. Besides covering her regular beat for the *Detroit Free Press*, Jean writes for medical publications and for national aviation magazines. She had an article published in *Reader's Digest*—this one, a humorous piece on the superiority of women. On March 8, 1956 the Michigan State Medical Society gave Jean a citation for excellent reporting.

Her hours are long ones. She is at the mercy of the aviation story which might call her anywhere in the world, but she loves her job and would not exchange it for the earthborn nine-to-five existence so essential to less talented women.

● **Ann Schaffner Reed**
Detroit Alumnae Chapter

Bequest to Beta Theta

• June Eimers Ramstedt

Beta Theta Chapter

Members and friends of Beta Theta chapter gathered at the chapter house on the evening of October 10 to honor the memory of a member of Kappa Alpha Theta and to witness a most thrilling announcement.

The member who was honored was Dessie Robertson Barrows (Beta Theta, 1922) and the announcement was that Mrs. Barrows had left the bulk of her estate of \$55,000 in trust, the interest to be used annually by Beta Theta chapter for scholarships for worthy junior and senior girls.

The group who gathered at the Theta House on the University of Idaho campus to enjoy dessert together and to reminisce included two of the original patronesses of Beta Theta chapter, Eunice Keller Merrill and Pearl Hadley Snyder, charter members, the college members of the chapter, local and out-of-town alumnae, and the Moscow Mother's Club.

Memories of Dessie Barrows were related to the gathering by Gertrude Axtell and Maud Iddings. These two women, along with Dessie Barrows, were the patronesses of the local chapter at the time of its installation in 1920. Gertrude Axtell recalled how she and Dessie had become close friends when they both came to Moscow as brides in 1908, a friendship which had grown deeper each year until Mrs. Barrows passed away December 22, 1955. Dessie Barrows was a graduate of the University of Michigan where she received an M.D. degree. After teaching at the University of Colorado, she came to Moscow as the wife of Dr. Frank L. Barrows, a practicing physician.

These three women were greatly honored in 1915 when they were asked to serve as patronesses of Chi Delta Phi, local sorority, as it strived to be worthy of becoming a chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. In 1922, because Dessie Barrows was taking advanced work at the university, Beta Theta chapter invited her to membership. She was initiated February 11, 1922.

Mrs. Iddings, wife of the late dean of the College of Agriculture at the University of



Dessie Robertson Barrows

Idaho, continued reminiscing about the later life of Dessie Barrows. These two had made their homes for the past few years as neighbors at San Jacinto, California. Dessie Barrows always took pride in her membership in our fraternity and also maintained her interest in undergraduate students. Therefore, it did not surprise these close friends to find the following bequest in her last will and testament:

"... I hereby direct said Trustee to pay over, semi-annually, the net income from the trust property to Beta Theta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, of the University of Idaho, located at Moscow, Idaho, said income so received by said chapter to be used by it to assist students of the junior and senior classes of said University who are members of said Beta Theta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, who previously have done excellent work in their courses of study, but who are hampered in their last two years for lack of funds. . . ."

As this group of people joined the college chapter in the singing of "Theta Lips" at the close of this memorial service, our beloved Theta song certainly had added meaning for many. Because her fraternity had meant so much to one member, girls in her chapter will be thanking her in all years to come as they are given the chance to complete their college educations because of the love of Dessie Robertson Barrows.

Bundle of contrast

● **Jim Stephenson**

Dallas Magazine

A going city like Dallas, Texas, must pause from time to time and ask itself the question: "Where?"

Then it is that a look at the past is in order. For a city must know where it has been if it is to know what marvels lie ahead, according to Virginia Gambrell (Beta Sigma), director of the Dallas Historical Society and mistress of Dallas' magnificent Hall of State in Fair Park.

Naturally, Virginia is well acquainted with Dallas' past. But she also keeps hep to its present. Hers is the soul of a creative artist. But she has a shrewd business manager's head on her shoulders.

Genuinely enthusiastic, she'll talk for hours about the Hall of State, her work and that of her small but versatile staff. Yet with only a choice catch phrase or so and a half dozen relics cleverly arranged in a moderate-sized glass case, she can dish up a whole decade of history—showing just what makes Dallas tick.

Yes, the 5 foot 1 inch, brown-eyed Mrs. Gambrell is a neat little bundle of contrasts, as perhaps one must be to deal with both the past and the present and at the same time look to the future.

Virginia subscribes to some helpful magazines, including *Display World*, beamed to department stores that have nice, expensive things to put in show windows. She finds many ideas adaptable to her displays of story-telling relics.

She reads *Institutions*, which helps her with the problem of maintaining the most beautiful historical society quarters in the land on a modest budget.

As more and more gifts are received for display and preservation (these now total more than 750,000 items), it's the job of the society staff to catalogue and file them.

Virginia says there's a lull every November and February. During these lulls, the whole staff turns to on various projects aimed at improving efficiency and procedure.

Two or three lulls ago, she found, after a



Virginia Gambrell

complete personal study of all things electrical in the big Hall of State, that leaving lights on unnecessarily could make a \$50 difference in the bill.

Virginia operates every machine in the building except a big new buffer.

"It dragged me almost all the way down to the Great Seal before I could turn loose," she laughed.

The Dallas Historical Society was founded in 1922 by the late *Dallas News* president, G. B. Dealey, but didn't really get going for some years. Virginia was named archivist in 1934.

"My main job was to receive contributions," she said. (The society now has budget of something over \$60,000 a year, partly appropriated by the City of Dallas, partly met by donations from business and professional men.)

It has been housed in the Hall of State since

1938 and is now the custodian of rare museum materials, archives and a Texas history library worth, probably, in the millions.

But money values are secondary. More important, as a recent *Dallas News* editorial put it, is the society's continuing interest in, and appreciation of, the men and women of Dallas and of Texas who in all ages step forward to contribute to the progress and welfare of the home community.

Virginia, a native of Greenville and daughter of a veteran lawyer and judge, C. A. Leddy, confides that she learns something every time she makes an exhibit. Also that she flunked history in her freshman year at Southern Methodist, under then Prof. Herbert Gambrell, the man she married in 1940. She redeemed herself as a student at the University of Texas, making Phi Beta Kappa. Dr. Gambrell now heads SMU's history department.

Gray lady

● Mildred Benton

Washington, D.C. Alumnae Chapter

Forty years is a long time to stick to any job. And when the job is that of a volunteer, whose remuneration is only great warmth in the heart, it is extraordinary to find someone still unceasingly and tirelessly at her job after forty-three years of service.

Edith Holland Gifford (Beta) has been a Red Cross volunteer since 1914 when, while living in Indiana, she was Chairman of the Tipton County chapter. She was Chairman of Nursing Services until 1934. When she came to Washington, D.C. she immediately offered her services and for the past 15 years has been a Gray Lady at the Episcopal Eye, Ear and Throat hospital, the first civilian hospital to ask for Gray Lady service. Week-in and week-out, Edith spends a full day writing letters for patients, reading and helping in the clinic. In the summer when all hands are short, she spends extra hours at the Red Cross chapter house doing any chore assigned to her.

She has, twice, served as Vice Chairman of the Gray Lady Service and is, currently, and for the second time, Chairman of the Episcopal Gray Lady group. Recently, at a special recognition ceremony sponsored by the D.C. Red Cross Chapter's Board of Directors, Edith received an "Appreciation Certificate of Special Award" for "devoted service to the Red Cross."

She, herself, feels particularly gratified, how-



Edith Holland Gifford

ever, over work connected with Civilian Defense during World War II. For hours devoted to Blood Donor Centers and teaching surgical dressing classes she was awarded a pin with 7 bars, a bar for each 100 hours. Her record is 780 hours, indeed something for which to feel gratified and proud.

At the head of the line of three Theta generations, Edith is the mother of Georgeann Gifford Bishop (Beta and Alpha Sigma) and the grandmother of Ann Hosman Kindness (Gamma Mu).

Not by design

● **Kathryn Vorbach Fox**

Long Island Chapter

One Long Island Theta, Betty Higgins, is renowned as an interior decorator with a "homey touch." Many people call Betty a real "career gal," but she is one only by chance. For the past few years Betty's leisure time has been at a maximum with her husband deeply involved in the atomic energy program and two very independent teenage sons. At this time her hobby changed to her vocation.

It was eight years ago that Betty wanted to refresh her college training in interior decorating secured at Ohio Wesleyan where she joined Gamma Deuteron chapter in 1934, Western Reserve and Cleveland School of Art. She searched fruitlessly for an appropriate adult education course in her area and before she knew it, she was drafted into teaching one herself and has been doing so ever since. For the past two years she has held an adult class at Long Island Agriculture and Technical College.

Along with constant studying, Betty felt the need for practical experience and this led to an ambitious program of freelancing, lectures, and an association with a studio. Three years ago an offer came from a high grade furniture store

to sell and decorate exclusively for them. A woman invading this male field was not appreciated by the old time salesmen, but this was quickly overcome by the overwhelming reception given to Betty by the homemakers. They were thankful to have a woman with whom they could discuss color and style with understanding and tolerance. At present, Betty is Interior Decorator and Assistant Manager of the local branch of the fine New York store of Flint and Horner. But other endeavors keep her busy such as her recent show with four decorators who joined with an art gallery to show actual room settings as a background for fine arts and was accomplished in a grand and successful manner at the Midtown Galleries in Manhattan.

This fall the L.I. Theta chapter has invited the local Tri-Delt group to join with them at Betty's store for a meeting which will cover all the problems related to furniture and decorating.

Betty describes her career as fun, an absorbing interest, and also as an outlet for those years called the "emotional forties," and the chapter has found Betty to be a completely stimulating personality.

Betty Higgins (left) discusses fabrics with Shirley Pinto, a Kappa Delta from Northwestern.



Recollections

A letter from Archibald Shaw, husband of Hannah Fitch Shaw (called "Jennie"), to his niece, Mary Bear Rawlings of Gamma Chapter '24

1103 Poplar Street
Helena, Arkansas
May 22, 1930

My Dear Mary,

I received your welcome letter yesterday. Enjoyed it greatly and am trying to rouse up my memory so as to give you some of the history of Kappa Alpha Theta. Much water has passed by in the rivers since those halcyon days when not only the world but your humble servant was much younger. Of course, I, not being a member of the sorority cannot be expected to know any of the inner chamber details. All I could possibly know would be just the outside affairs which most any student of that day possibly knew the same as I. But it is also true that there are now very few left of the students that assembled in the college chapel that Saturday morning in January.

Your Aunt Jennie and I were at that time very much interested in each other and many of my college friends naturally supposed that I knew and had known all about the launching of this new and strange phenomenon among the Greek societies. But they were badly in error for Jennie never whispered a thing to me about it and I was as much and more surprised that morning as any student in the chapel.

I do not know the routine of colleges in these modern days when "Prep" classes are unknown and the high schools of the state equip the student for the freshman year in college—but in those days DePauw—then called Asbury University had what was called preparatory classes—First and Second "Preps" they were called. They were instituted in order to prepare the students for the freshman year. High schools over the state were just being organized and they put up a curriculum that had no reference whatever to entering college. So at the time I was in college, fully half the students were either first or second "Preps" or irregulars who entered college and just studied whatever they cared to. The only requirements being that they must have at least four studies.

The college at the time Theta was instituted had perhaps 180 to 200 male students and about twenty girls. Your Aunt was, when she entered the university, the first girl from outside of the County of Putnam, to matriculate and at the time of the starting of this revolution in college affairs there with the advent of a sorority, there were only a few to pick members from. I recall the morning vividly. I was not at all aware that anything unusual was to be sprung but it seemed that in some way others were expecting it. It may be that some of the girls not having connection with the new concern had got wind of it in some way. At least some of the boys in my class seemed as though they were anticipating something was going to happen. But when the four girls walked down the aisle with their new pins blazoned on the outside of their wraps, heads craned and much restlessness was among us to know what it all meant. Some at once said, "These girls have been taken into the Phi Gamma Deltas" because at a distance the pin a little bit resembled the Delta pin. Others declared it was a new frat brought from some other college but no one had the courage to assert it was a brand new Greek letter concern originating right there in the University. And it is very certain that no one at the time recognized the fact that it was the first of its kind in the whole world. But it was, and the fact gradually soaked into the minds of the students that our girls had put over an entirely new movement in college matters.

About that time over at Bloomington, Illinois, where there is a Methodist college and where co-education had been allowed a year or so previous an organization calling itself the "I.C" was perfected by some of the girls, students there. When the news came that a Greek letter sorority had actually been organized over at Asbury University they hastened to change their concern to a Greek letter (the Pi Phi, I think is the name) and later on in the year it organized a chapter in DePauw.

There were just four girls that came out that Saturday morning in the chapel. As I recall, their names were Betty Locke, Alice O. Allen, Betty Tipton and Hannah V. Fitch. Both Betty Locke and Alice O. Allen lived in Greencastle. Betty Tipton lived in Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, and she only attended college that year.

Betty Locke Hamilton is now one of the four now living (1930) and her home is in Greencastle. And it was she that originated the idea of the girls organizing a sorority independent entirely of any of the boys frats. You see, the idea of co-education was at that time an entirely new thing. It was counted an experiment and most educators were skeptical about it ever proving a success. Betty Locke, Laura Beswick, Alice O. Allen and Mary Simmons-Crawford were the first four girls to enter when the doors of the university were thrown open to the girls. They had a hard time of it and were not always treated well by some of the rougher type of male students who resented the idea of girls entering on a level with them. Mary Simmons was home sick at the time the sorority was instituted but was taken in before commencement. So it was that I, being rather much interested in one of the four, did not know as much about the coming out of the new concern as others who depended upon gossip to get their information.

Strange how stories get about in such matters. Of course, its origin was unknown to the outside folks and much surmising was given out about it. Some said it was brought over from some one of the Eastern colleges. Others claimed they knew that Prof. Ridpath had been the father of it and many to this day believe he was its

parent. And the Prof. himself, being rather proud of its being originated in Asbury U., took no trouble to separate himself from its origin. Fact is he knew no more about it than the rest of us which was absolutely nothing. Betty Locke Hamilton, your Aunt Jennie always said, was the inventor, originator and starter of the whole thing. Of course they had to have members so they looked about for enough to make a showing at the coming out. Your Aunt Jennie was easily the best girl student in the college not excepting any. And few if any in the college were any better. Had she not been out several terms, it was in her grasp to have had the valedictory of her class. So it was natural that the two seniors, Betty Locke and Alice O. Allen should cast about for the best materials for charter members of the new venture. And the choice fell on your Aunt Jennie naturally as one to be included. I suppose that Laura Beswick would have been one of the charter members had not she and Betty Locke fallen out over one of the students and never patched it up. Laura was in some class with Betty and Robert McKaig was a member of the class of '70. He had paid attention to Betty back a year or so before he graduated and then transferred his attentions to Laura and after her graduation they married. Betty, it was claimed, resented it and she and Laura never were friendly after. (This is inside history that cannot be proved but it is claimed to be true.)

At any rate, Laura became a charter member of the Pi Phi's when they came into being a few months later. So you see there was romance even in these early days just the same as there is today. And boys and girls met, became well acquainted, the acquaintance went some times farther and sometimes resulted in a lovers' quarrel and broken vows with sad hearts etc., etc., etc. You know as much as I about such affairs.

Well—co-education was in its infancy—It was a hazardous experiment—Most educators opposed it. Many believed that the female of the species could not be expected to master the intricacies of integral and differential calculus, mental and moral science and Butler's analysis. William Howard Hickman two years ago at our alumni gathering (himself a classmate of your Aunt and in the late '90's President of the University) said to me, "Jennie was easily the best student in our class. When I entered college I believed co-education a mistake and that the course I laid down was too heavy for girls to carry but when Jennie entered the class and became accustomed to the routine it was no time until I had to concede my error."

But your Aunt always felt that it was the instituting of the sorority that clinched the co-educational experiment. It gave the girls an equal stand with the boys in the affairs of the university and it was not long after until opposition among the male students ceased to be and the new movement was accepted as a forward advance in educational affairs. Other girls became competitors for college honors and the idea of girls not being able to carry the course of study as laid down was laughed at later on as one of the bugaboos that arise at any innovation.

The second year of the history of the sorority saw them taking in other girls. Quite a number of new girls entered and some of them were soon spiked for Theta. Competition of even one other concern helped to lend zest to the work of adding members.

But no sooner had the four girls got accustomed to wearing their pins than the idea of handing it on to other colleges grew with them. I believe that Indiana University was the second chapter organized—I have no data—and it was not many weeks after the parent chapter. Moores Hill, too, came in and the Cincinnati Wesleyan Female College where your grandma was a student—she can tell you about it and its history. Both it and Moores Hill soon lost out for reasons I know nothing about. But girls attending a co-educational institution of learning in these later days know nothing of the trials, tribulations and harassing troubles of those pioneer days. It was only a year or so after the civil war when the co-ed idea was put into practice and the conflict of arms had, like our last one, produced many very rough characters. War is a great demoralizer. It breaks down many previous conceived ideas. Some of them are good and ought not to be lost. Others are all the better destroyed. It was not many years since the days of the long beech switch over the master's desk. The days when boys expected to be licked a few times and the days when it was a great picnic to compel the rebellious teacher to "treat." It was not many years—in fact it is as yet true—that in most churches the males entered at the left hand door and the females at the right hand one. And it was thought almost sacrilegious for a family to sit together regardless of sex. So you see that it was quite a revolution for the sexes to sit together in the same class in a staid University.

I have felt just like your Aunt Jennie, that the coming of the sorority made the co-educational experiment no longer an experiment but an abounding success—and like her I was always proud of the fact that she was one of the four girls who first launched this movement. At present it has become one of the recognized things of university life and it is a factor that helps to equalize the work of the university. It is now difficult for one who never saw or knew of the prejudice then existing to realize just how much it amounted to. Your Aunt frequently said if she had realized the way students felt she would have let others be the pioneers and she would have gone to some other college. But it was not to be.

Now—I have tried to tell you a little about the instituting of Kappa Alpha Theta but it may be I have missed the very things you want to know. It was quite a while ago and memory, while accurate so far as it goes, may omit much that is of interest and of value. But I recall that Saturday morning well, I believe it was a Saturday. It was in January that I met, through your Aunt Jennie, a Minnie Hanneman of Indianapolis who became a member at I.U. Never heard of her again until two years ago when I met a lady from Franklin at a political meeting at North Vernon named Hanneman. A conversation developed the fact her husband was a relative of Minnie's and that she—Minnie—married and lives yet in Duluth.

Am hoping this finds you in best of health.

With much love—Your Uncle,

ARCHIBALD SHAW

The officers' conference

● **Virginia Speidel Edwards**

District Ten College President



Those who helped in the guidance course for new district presidents were Grand Council and some of the chairmen of committees. Grand Council, the board of experts, are seated: Flivver Little, Grand Treasurer; Evelyn Tunnicliffe, Grand Second Vice President; Letty Munz, Grand President; Hazel Beil, Grand First Vice President; Mary Brandriff, Grand Third Vice President, and Alice Gonser, Grand Alumnæ Secretary. Standing, left to right, are: Mary Ellen Parr, editor; Ellen Hofstead, Panhellenic Delegate; Helen Sackett, executive secretary and Martha White, scholarship chairman.

The Officers' Conference at the beautiful new Alpha Chi chapter house in Lafayette, Indiana, will long be remembered by those Thetas who were fortunate enough to attend. Held in the fall in the odd years, following district conventions, this conference serves to initiate the new district presidents and to provide a refresher course for the more experienced ones.

Led by the inspiring talks of members of Council, the Conference provided workshops for the district presidents to discuss their work with members of Council and with each other, in addition to committee chairmen.

The gracious hospitality of the Theta Alumnæ of Lafayette was evident as they met each arriving guest, provided every possible comfort and sped them on their homeward way. Most of the planning was done under the leadership of Betty De Grief Burke, Advisory Board

Chairman, Elizabeth Gudie Bayley, Home Association President and Sue Murray Reser, President of the Alumnæ Association.

A pleasant break in the two day conference was the beautiful party given by the Alumnæ. All the officers enjoyed the hour spent at the gracious home of Jane Peffer Shook and the wonderful dinner that followed.

Six members of Alpha Chi chapter under the leadership of Patty Klopfenstein, chapter president, returned to school early to serve as waitresses and pages for the Conference. Together with Mrs. Agnes Stiner, the housemother, they provided the visitors with all the material comforts and a houseparty atmosphere. The officers both old and new returned home not only brimming with knowledge but with a warm feeling of friendship for many Thetas both active and alumnæ from coast to coast.



The College District Presidents pose in front of the fireplace and it so happens that those who are seated have seniority in time and experience.

Standing, left to right: Maxine Hornbeck Stark XVI, Frances Boyd McDonald IX, Ruth Hill Wilber V, Sara Foorman Kirkman VIII, Jeanne Henkel Seefeld II, Wilma Jones Steadman III, Betty Neill Graham XI, Myra Stevens Blackman XIV and Carol Hahman Bayfield VI.

Seated, left to right: Virginia Speidel Edwards X, Esther Elzey Cleaves VII, Norma Anderson Jorgensen IV, Florence Benner Wylie I, Josephine Brossard Stansfield XVII, Maxine Rutledge Wilson XIII and Opal Marshall McCelvey XII.



Standing in front of the hall windows, through which can be seen the enclosed patio, are the Alumnae District Presidents. Left to right: Doris Jenkins French VI, Florence Aves Bland XII, Ilah May Cottrell Smaha II, Mary Heineman Pauly VII, Barbara Fisher Harder III, JoAnn Crites Thompson XV, Sally Fagan Gould IX, Jane Chadwell Delony XI, Betty Munger Towne XIII, Eda Boos Brewer XVI, Katherine Lucas Goodwin I, Dorothy Williams Kuehn VIII, Virginia Ford Hood V and Lorraine Moody Harris XVII.

Grad tidings

● Jane Collins Johanning

St. Louis Alumnae Chapter

Reports from the State University of Iowa are proof of an outstanding year for Ruth Jean Eddy (Gamma Deuteron) who has been working on her M.A. at the Iowa Child Welfare Research Station.

Child Psychology is her major curriculum and Associate Professor Charles C. Spiker writes that her work, both academic and professional, is quite superior.

Ruth hopes to obtain her Master's in August of '58 and her Ph.D. in August of '59. This will prepare her for a position as an Experimental Child Psychologist with a University or the Government.

In appreciation Ruth writes: "I have not taken lightly the faith that Theta has shown in me through the awarding of my scholarship and shall continue to live up to this confidence in these next years."

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Praiseworthy reports come too from Michigan State University concerning another future psychologist, Mary Jane Curry (Mu Chapter).

Mary is working toward her Ph.D. in psychology and has spent a rewarding year in the Lansing school system with children having difficulties in their studies. This experience has convinced her that she would like to work as



Ruth Jean Eddy

a school psychologist when her degree is completed.

Two nice things have happened to Mary this past year: she has been appointed a graduate fellow by the university and has been accepted as an intern psychologist by the children's division of the Neuropsychiatric Institute at University Hospital, Ann Arbor.

Mary writes that she is very grateful for the help she has received from Theta. "I am so very proud to be a member of Kappa Alpha Theta."



Mary Jane Curry

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News from Radcliffe College is of an interesting, if routine, year spent by Joyce Lind (Beta Omega) who is working toward her Ph.D. in teaching.

Joyce, who is training for a position as a college History teacher, reports that the vast and stimulating research facilities are a key factor in attracting most graduate students to Harvard.

Along with her busy study schedule, Joyce has been awarded a Resident Fellow (responsibility for a small undergraduate dormitory) which covers room, board and one-half the tuition for the coming academic year.

Joyce writes that hearing the experiences of



Joyce Lind

her fellow-students has meant more to her. "I did not realize America had so many keen minds, conscientious young people."

Splendid reports come from the Boston School of Occupational Therapy about Brenda Campbell (Gamma Eta). Brenda completed her advanced study in the field of Occupational Therapy in June '57 and is now hunting a job or rather, trying to decide upon which job to take. Her preference points toward the field of Cerebral Palsy.

The past year found Brenda affiliated with four hospitals and the evaluation of her from each is noteworthy.

The Children's Rehabilitation Institute, Reisterstown, Maryland, praised her as an attractive, alert person, well-poised and very capable.

The Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Boston, described her as cooperative and diplomatic with excellent potential for work in the



Brenda Campbell

area.

The Norwich State Hospital, Connecticut, cited her as an excellent student, mature in thinking and actions, capable, dependable, friendly and objective.

Brenda writes that she enjoyed her affiliation with The Children's Rehabilitation Institute the most. She adds, "I would like to say thank you to Thetas for the wonderful past year. The knowledge I've gained plus the many friends I've made add up to an unforgettable year."

News from the University of Chicago about Fauneil Rinn (Alpha Theta) is of an intensely interesting year spent in preparation for a position as a College teacher, government worker, or both. She has been working also toward her Ph.D. which she hopes to receive in 1958.



Fauneil Rinn

Though her entire year has been stimulating, she has enjoyed the newspaper and public-relations parts most.

Along with her varied studies and activities, Fauneil has been working on her thesis, which will take until the fall of '58 to complete.

Fauneil has a scholarship and an appointment as head resident of a woman's dormitory. She will be responsible for 80 residents, which should take care of any leisure hours she might have.

For the record, Morton M. Grodzins, Chairman of the political science department, wrote that among the more than "100 carefully selected graduate students in the department, her work is outstanding."

"The Theta friends," writes Fauneil, "have

made the entire two-year program possible, for I could never have embarked on it without the scholarship aid."

At Syracuse University, Susan Steinhaur (Alpha) spent a full and rewarding year working toward her M.A. in the field of Special Education for a position as a teacher of Exceptional children (Orthopedically handicapped).

Of all her courses, she felt her practice teaching experience was the most beneficial, "as it gave me the opportunity to crystallize and put into operation all the information and teaching techniques learned in my other courses."

Her faculty instructors speak of her as a person who will be able to make a fine professional contribution in the future.

Several exciting things have happened to Susan this past year. She received the highest score on comprehensive exams in a group of 96 graduate students; she was selected for Pi Lambda Theta, national honorary for women in education; she received her M.A. in June; and last, but not best, she became Mrs. Ronald K Het-



Susan Steinhaur Hettinger

tinger on August 24.

She and her husband will live in Oneonta, New York, and Susan will commute to Stanford, where she will teach a class of mentally retarded children.

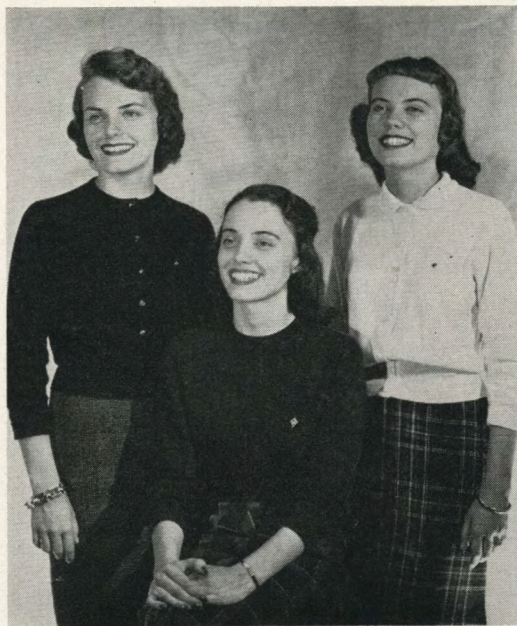
Susan writes, "I could not have realized my dream without the Theta Scholarship. I will do my utmost to return the investment by teaching and, I hope, by making physically and mentally retarded children happier."

Court of Three Sisters

There are many sisters in Theta, but few chapters can claim three sisters as active members at the same time. Carolyn (22), Glenda (20), and Norma (18) Brown of Florida State are majoring in drama, math, and fashion designing respectively. These diverse talents, together with the poise, warmth, and dark beauty common to all three, have been an immeasurable contribution to the life and strength of Beta Nu chapter and the individual girls who compose it.

• Torchy Briscoe
Beta Nu Chapter

Left to right: Glenda, Carolyn and Norma Brown of Florida State are all members of Beta Nu chapter at the same time.



Books by Theta Authors

● reviewed by betty briggs



The Dynamics of Aging by Ethel Sabin Smith, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, Mills College. W. W. Norton & Company, New York, 1956. \$3.50.

Why is it that some people ripen and mellow with the years? Why is it that others merely see life out? Ethel Sabin Smith has compounded a formula from years of rich and useful living for the "autumnal beauty" one sees in some aging faces. When she speaks of the "extra dividend" of the years after retirement, she speaks from experience having devoted forty-five years to teaching in high school and at the University of Illinois, Bryn Mawr College and Mills College in California.

She confesses that the book is not merely for grandparents, but for young people, too. She believes that the motives, attitudes, interests and capacities for friendship developed in youth are factors in determining whether life after sixty will be a period of productive happiness or of sterile loneliness.

A "campus mother" to many during her thirty-one years at Mills, this favorite professor turned author, acquired a great following. One of her pupils described her as a "lady of gentleness and quiet good breeding; a person with the aura of a scholar."

It is obvious from reading *The Dynamics of Aging* that Ethel Sabin Smith has not only gathered wisdom from life, but has also integrated into the pattern of her life, the thinking of scholars of the past. She quotes as freely from Cicero, John Donne and Santayana as though they were her daily companions, as indeed they were and continue to be. She is thoroughly conversant, too, with the best thinking of the modern psychologists and believes in "facing the realities."

The author feels that an understanding of the psychological laws of aging which are discussed in her book will increase the possibility



Dr. Ethel Sabin Smith

of achieving satisfaction in the latter years of life. Tempted as I am to share these with the readers of this review, I realize that a review of a book should not be a résumé and so leave these keys to the future where they probably belong between the covers of *The Dynamics of Aging*.

I particularly liked the chapter on "Some Dividends of Age," the coupon clipping made possible by modern medicine, twenty extra years of "potential enjoyment" and "prolongation of one's prime."

With delightful humor, Ethel Sabin Smith chats about the freedoms the sixties and seventies bring, freedom from routine, tensions over jobs, freedom from people, associations and activities one can leave as life advances, to those who "need the prestige."

The retired person sometimes finds a new gift for genuine friendship. "He no longer says to his wife: 'I suppose we ought to invite the so-and-so's to dinner. They're frightful bores, but I guess we'd better.' Instead he says: 'Can't we have Louise and Henry over for dinner? I'd like a good visit with them.'"

Though the author confessed she hadn't in-

tended to write a "how-to-grow-old book" that's what she did after all. The book would be a valuable addition to a high school or college library. Young people overconcerned with their own puzzlements, might profit by the look ahead *The Dynamics of Aging* provides. If you ask for the book at the library or bookstore, do avoid the mistake some have made of requesting *Dynamite the Aged*.

I'm sure Ethel Sabin Smith will not mind my sharing with Theta sisters a letter she wrote in response to my request that she send a picture:

"I think you should know that I might not have managed to get my book written had it not been for the great generosity of Ethel Rose Taylor Horsfall, who, knowing I was at work

on it, gave me a Christmas present of a housekeeper for nine months. That meant I could go into the study and shut the door, and the household ran smoothly, meals appeared without thought on my part, dust disappeared by magic, and even the telephone was answered. Ethel Rose and I were in Psi chapter together.

"I have very warm feelings for Delta chapter too, for while I was a graduate student at the University of Illinois they permitted me to eat my meals at the chapter house and were a center of warm and happy doings."

Wonderful, isn't it, that "warm and happy doings" are still a part of the author's life and that she has shared the recipe for satisfying living with her readers.

silhouette

Ann Skinner Winstead



The Alumnae club of Kappa Alpha Theta in Boise, Idaho, are boasting of one of their charter members. Mrs. C. E. Winstead (nee Miss Ann Skinner) of Alpha Delta Chapter (now inactive due to modern day expansion of the school) at Goucher University in Baltimore, Maryland, was honored at her school on the event of her golden jubilee as an alumnus. She and her husband, Judge C. E. Winstead

(retired) returned to Goucher in June for Commencement Exercises and then went on to Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he was honored in the same manner at the University of Michigan. The alumnae of the Boise club presented a "THIS IS YOUR LIFE" skit of Ann at their monthly meeting—and took her by complete surprise! She was also presented with a gift.

Having graduated from Goucher with a librarian's degree, Gov. Len Jordan, in 1953, appointed her to the state's first Library Board in which she pursued her interests in libraries in Idaho and their functions. She has been a longtime member of Boise's first and oldest study club, Saturday Fortnightly, the YWCA, AAUW and the Community Chest. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church and served on their Board of Deacons.

Fellow members of the Theta Club feel that through her active interest and devoted attention to Theta for these many years, that truly she IS Theta in Boise. However, of all her accomplishments, Ann Winstead says, "My greatest is my three children and four lovely grandchildren."

• Diane DeChambeau
Boise Alumnae Club

The new Alumnae District President for District XIV is Helen Haller Meyers (Mrs. Harry T.), 22530 8th Ave. South, Des Moines, Wash. Clip that information to your fall magazine directory.

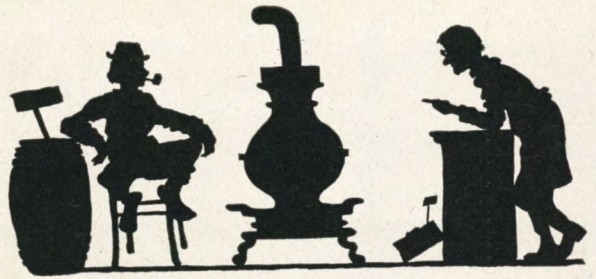
Alumnews



To support the philanthropies, both local and national, Thetas form little and large committees throughout the country to put on the bazaars, the dances, the rummage sales, the bridge parties, the style shows, and the talent sales that make the holidays festive . . . and pour money into the philanthropic coffers of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Here, Jo Ann Cardwell Delaney and Betty Woodhead Wade of Sacramento, California, make preparations for a dinner dance to be given by the alumnae chapter . . . reflecting approximately the same scene enacted everywhere as women "put their minds to" a project.

Trading Post



Baltimore has an earnest magazine chairman, Eleanor Morris Barnhart who is keeping a scrap-book in which she puts the address labels that come on the current magazines. Keeping these according to expiration dates (or do you pay attention to the hyroglyphics on your labels?), she can remind the members when to renew their subscriptions through the Theta agency.

On the fun side, **Baltimore** required members to bring pictures of themselves from college days, with resulting confusion and laughs in trying to identify each other.

Denver, unable to cope with one organization for 400 members, is experimenting with area meetings with the city divided into six strategic regions. Each will have separate meetings, in addition to those general meetings and parties planned for the year. Several of the large cities are following this system, with "neighborhood" or "area" meetings.

The hostess book *Who Cooked the Last Goose?*, published and sold at a tidy philanthropic profit by the **Evanston-North Shore** Alumnæ chapter, is now in its second printing. Since they make delightful gifts, the chapter will gladly sell you copies.

From **Hartford's** alumnæ letter was gleaned, rather indirectly, the unusual information that Chi of Syracuse applauds by snapping their fingers. Instead of "thunderous applause" one would get "crackling applause"?

Odd note—in the last two years, the editor has encountered the word *mantel* (above the fireplace) spelled correctly only once. It seems to be confused with the garment *manile* in most minds. Anyway, congratulations to Margaret Krebs Brockway, editor of **Portland**, Oregon, for spelling it right.

Portland also came up with a novel idea, the *Tired Shopper's Dance*, held in December at the Multnomah Hotel, with dancing from five to nine P.M. Sounds like fun.

There are times when it pays to combine efforts, for the **Southern California Federation** made \$7,106.93 on their bi-annual Benefit, which featured fashions by Irene and luncheon for 1,000 Thetas of the fifteen chapters and clubs in the Federation.

The *Flaming Festival* idea seems to have caught on like wildfire. (Without the statistics or information to prove it, we think the idea originated in **Kansas City**.) Several cities are using the idea for profit by displaying and selling elaborate candle decorations for every holiday of the year.

Many chapters have featured a book review of *We Who Wear Kites* by Carol Green Wilson sometime during their program year. It's a good idea, to emphasize the magnitude and scope of Theta and Thetas everywhere—though by the laws of logic, not all influential Thetas could possibly be included.

Tornadoes swept through **Nashville** and grounded the plane on which Ann Wright Hart, toast-mistress, was to arrive at the Founders' Day banquet. It also put out all the lights at the Belle Meade Country Club. So, never daunted, they had Ellen Bowers Hofstead by candlelight!

Rockford alumnæ have established a memorial fund in memory of Beatrice Church Overbye. Instead of sending gifts or flowers at time of illness, death, marriage or birth of a child, the chairman in charge of the fund writes a note, and an amount of money which would have been sent as a gift is, instead, put into the fund. Three girls of Gamma Lambda chapter have been thus helped, and it has also added to their philanthropic gifts.

The **St. Louis** Talent Sale carried the theme of a *Farmer's Market* last year, featuring antiques for the first time—along with homemade preserves and a variety of handmade articles. The profits totaled over \$3,000—which is getting up in the bracket of **Houston's** annual *Antique Show*.

Alumnæ Chapter Letters

APPLETON

The Fox River Valley alumnæ opened the '56-57 year in September with a spaghetti supper at the Jones Cottage on Lake Winnebago. As one of our prime interests at that time was rushing at Lawrence, Kate Hale, our president, gave National's viewpoint on rushing as it was stressed at the national convention.

In October we had the pleasure of meeting jointly with the active chapter in the new and beautifully decorated Theta Room in Colman Hall, the new woman's dorm at Lawrence. It was the first opportunity for many of the alums to see and admire the new room. The highlight of the meeting was the presentation by Kate Hale of the Margaret Banta president's pin to Carol Adams, active chapter president.

We always look forward to our Christmas meeting and the auction of Christmas decorations. We met at Dorothy Severson's home for a potluck supper with the auction following the business meeting. This year there were especially pretty and unique novelties, ornaments and gifts made by talented alums, all resulting in an increase in our treasury. Also, donations were made with which to purchase toys for the Institute of Logopedics.

We were also delighted to be the guests of the active chapter at a tea in December, at which we enjoyed visiting with the actives and meeting the new pledges.

At a dessert meeting at Bernice Miller's in January, Kate Hale gave a most interesting and informative convention report.

Founders' Day in February was celebrated with a dinner at the Appleton Presbyterian Church, under the chairmanship of Maxine Kellogg. The evening's program was most inspiring. There were several musical selections preceding the Founders' Day Ritual, all very well performed by the actives. The Loving Cup ceremony closed the evening.

The March meeting at Kate Jones' home was essentially a business meeting, with possible fund raising projects for the following year being discussed.

In April we met at the home of Marge Buchanan. The new slate of officers was presented and unanimously accepted. They were: president—Kate Hale; vice-president—Ginny Banta; secretary—Cosette Lang; treasurer—Arden Kuehsted and editor—Gloria Bomier.

We were entertained by a presentation of "Elizabeth and Essex" by the Attic Theater Players of Appleton, and starring Joan Hoffman, one of our most talented alumnæ.

The annual picnic for the seniors at Lawrence was held at Cosette Lang's in May. The senior service from the ritual book was used and each senior was presented with a gift.

As this new year begins, we are looking forward to the Round Robin Bridge at the end of September. This will be our one big fund raising project this year.

Gloria Rogahn Bomier

ATLANTA

Working more closely with Gamma Delta chapter at the University of Georgia has been the big aim of the Atlanta Alumnæ chapter during the past year. The beautiful plans which Gamma Delta has for remodeling and adding to their ante-bellum home is of great interest to us all.

In the fall of '56 our one big project was the bazaar which we held again after two years of trying other things. We worked like mad sewing aprons, making cakes, melting wax and dressing dolls . . . with a number of our most successful items worked up from samples sent us from the hard-working bazaar-minded Miami alums. The money we made was not great but will finance this year's bazaar into making a real profit, we hope.

Founders' Day was celebrated a week early so that a number of our members could travel to Auburn, Alabama, for the installation of Gamma Omega chapter at Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

In February and March Grand Second Vice-President Evelyn Tunnecliff and District President Betty Graham visited Gamma Delta and spent a brief period in Atlanta.

District XI Convention in Nashville was attended by Marge Stallings, who was also official delegate to National Convention at Banff Springs. Carolyn Carter was at Banff, too, as Public Relations chairman and editor of the *Kite*. Daphne Majors worked as her assistant.

Maxine Backer was installed as president of Atlanta Panhellenic . . . an honor which comes to us only once in twenty years.

In August our Rush Board was organized and began handling quantities of recommendations on Atlanta girls going to schools with Theta chapters. This was the first year of operation for the Board and we have found the results very gratifying. It places a great deal of work and responsibility on a small number of people, but the work is accomplished without the usual confusion.

Our bazaar will be in November and all the Theta fingers we can recruit are busy making attractive items. We hope that the Institute of Logopedics and Gamma Delta will reap many benefits.

Daphne Majors

AUSTIN

"Achievement through work, fellowship through play" might well have been the slogan for the Austin Alumnæ chapter during the year 1956-57, for we certainly did work hard, achieve much, and had a great deal of fun and fellowship doing it.

We started off the year with a coke party in September at the home of our president, Bettye Banner Siddons (Mrs. R. F., Jr.). This party welcomed to our group recent graduates and those Thetas who had just moved to town. In October we honored the mothers of our Austin pledges with a luncheon at the chapter house. This luncheon has become traditional in Austin, and we find it a most enjoyable occasion each year.

The highlight of the year was a buffet supper for Theta husbands at Greenshores on Lake Austin in November. All age groups attended, and everyone had a truly wonderful time. Some husbands who were a little skeptical about attending a "Theta meeting" are the very ones who are asking for a repeat affair this year which isn't too surprising, for who wouldn't enjoy an informal evening of dining, dancing, and visiting in front of a big open fireplace?

Pouring rain did not dampen the attendance at our Christmas guest coffee which was one of our money-raising projects. The outstanding decorations planned and executed by our housemother, Mrs. L. H. Landry, more than compensated for going out in the bad weather.

In February we attended the Founders' Day banquet with the Alpha Thetas (we can't celebrate the traditional date because of conflicting university examinations) which also honored the new initiates. To reward the high level of scholarship of the actives, the alumnae presented silver spoons to the six girls who had achieved the highest grades during the past year. We are very proud of two Alpha Theta alumnae, Ethel Sykes Washington (Mrs. W. C.) and Jean Matier Farr (Mrs. Tom) who received their fifty year certificates at the banquet.

One of our best attended meetings was in January when we had a talk on "Investment Analysis" by a member of the New York Stock Exchange. A tour of the new fraternity houses on the campus was the occasion of the day when we entertained the San Antonio alumnae in March.

The Ivy Service in May honoring the graduating seniors was another occasion for which we joined the actives. In June, the alumnae entertained Austin rushees and their mothers with a morning coffee. This mother-daughter coffee was a lovely party and extremely successful.

Besides having fun at all of these affairs, the Austin Alumnae were also kept busy doing such things as repairing initiation robes and selling silver polish. We are looking forward to another worthwhile year under the leadership of Marguerite Walling Butler (Mrs. Martin), and we are also anticipating a visit soon from our newly elected alumnae district president, Florence Avis Bland (Mrs. David).

Lois Crow Sheffield

BALTIMORE

Baltimore Alumnae concentrated during the past year on various philanthropic projects and on fund-raising schemes to finance them. One of our local philanthropies is the Pre-School for Blind Children to which we have contributed for several years. This year one of the children was to have an eye removed

and very much wanted an artificial one to replace it. Shortly after word of this reached us, little Mary Fanny Summers had a party at the school to "show" her new eye (and, incidentally, some new-found confidence) to the other children. Projects of this kind have proved so interesting and rewarding to our group that we have voted to continue the support of this particular project for another year. Another project with which we helped was the collecting of warm winter clothing for Hungarian Relief when the need for these things was great.

Eleanor Morris Barnhart (Gamma Mu) brought something new to her job as magazine chairman. She is keeping a scrapbook in which are put the address labels that come on our magazines. Keeping these according to the expiration dates, she reminds us when to renew the subscriptions and while we are thinking of it to do it through Theta, thus adding the magazine proceeds to our regular donation to the Institute of Logopedics.

Our Christmas party was made fun by each of us bringing a college-vintage picture of ourselves which caused some confusion and lots of laughs as we tried to identify each other. Our make-it-yourself gifts for one another were most attractive and lots of fun to make and give as well as to receive.

Founders' Day was an inspiring time for all of us with Myrle Weis Wiltshire (Alpha Delta) reviewing Carol Green Wilson's book, *We Who Wear Kites*. Afterward each of us was given a small black paper kite with the name of our college chapter in gold letters.

The officers for the coming year are Lois Smith Cook (Alpha Gamma), president; Eleanor Morris Barnhart (Gamma Mu), vice-president; Marilyn Black Nuttle (Beta Rho), recording secretary; Rosamond Kirkpatrick Oetking (Psi), corresponding secretary; Jane Wright Hammond (Alpha Chi), treasurer; Mary Schultz Carter (Alpha Mu), editor; and Joan Folger (Alpha Delta), Panhellenic Representative. These officers were installed by our District Alumnae President, Eda Bowers Brewer, when she visited with us at our regular meeting in March. We are also proud to have our Eleanor Barnhart serve as the Maryland-Delaware state chairman of the Alumnae Board.

Mary Schultz Carter (Alpha Mu) acted as our official delegate to Grand Convention in Banff and she was accompanied by Marion Hinds McCormick and Mary Carter Fusselbaugh, both of Alpha Delta.

Our year closed with our annual May picnic at the home of Eleanor Dilworth Mace (Alpha Delta) and we said our summer "good-byes" with many of us already thinking and planning ahead to an interesting and "fun" program for the coming year.

Mary Schultz Carter

BERKELEY

At our first meeting in September, Ethel Pickering gave her report of Grand Convention, held at Banff. This took the form of a dessert and coffee meeting. In October we entertained the pledges in the beautiful home of Ruth Younger Benner.

An exchange student from India gave an interesting talk at the Alumnae House on the campus, for

our November meeting. In December, Betty Guilbert opened her home to us for our Christmas luncheon meeting.

Roberts M. Firth, Consul General for New Zealand, gave us an excellent speech, at the home of Mary Deikman Babington, for our January meeting. Through the courtesy of the San Francisco alumnae, we were entertained at the home of Mrs. Robert Stevens. Our minds and hearts were stirred by the frank discussion on narcotics which Chester McFee, head of Customs in San Francisco came to deliver to us. This meeting was in February. March gave us Founders' Day luncheon at the Theta house, the girls from Omega acting as our hostesses.

April was the Spring Benefit. This was a card party held at Jerry H. Hamilton's home in Piedmont. Fran Shepherd, as chairman of the Benefit, worked hard with Marge Hendrickson, Flavia Catoire, Criss Morton, and others to make a very successful party.

At a buffet supper in May, Ruth Larsen's home graciously allowed us to entertain the senior girls from the Omega chapter, as well as the Junior alumnae group. Awards of silver spoons were made to Seniors, for scholarship and outstanding achievements.

In February, the new officers were installed. Irma (Tommy) Rimbach, president; Marge Hendrickson, vice-president; Helen McCleave, treasurer; Peggy Paddock, recording secretary; Elizabeth Cone and Criss Morton, corresponding secretaries; Angie Gilbert, editor.

Our local philanthropy has been the Speech Department at Herrick Hospital. Merodine McIntyre has done a fine job as chairman. In addition to a gift of one hundred dollars to the department, we were instrumental in getting them a much needed particular type of phonograph used in speech corrective work.

Angie M. Gilbert

BOSTON

We have met: in good fellowship at several dessert meetings; at an occasional area meeting; at an inspiring Founders' Day meeting; in the country for a June picnic.

We have heard: Therese (Conlon) D'Abre's marvelous report on Banff; Mabel (Freeman) Lagerlof ably and profitably auction off handiwork, gifts, white elephants and green Christmas paper.

We were touched to hear "What Theta Has Meant to Me": by Julia Larimer (a 5-year member); Willie Trost Shattuck (former district president); Sally (Cande) Barber (sweet young thing).

We were fascinated when: Katherine (Brooks) Gibson gave an illustrated talk on her sojourn in

Iran; Mabel (Freeman) Lagerlof told us about her private philanthropy of translating books and music into Braille.

We have decided to: raise more money; have Mabel's philanthropy become our local one; be a bigger and better group than ever.

Our new officers are: president, Hary Alice Cande Fox (Massachusetts); vice-president, Mary Kyle (Cornell); corresponding secretary, Barbara Hardy Densmore (Vermont); treasurer, Margaret Ealy (Kentucky); Panhellenic representative, Alice Taylor Payne (Syracuse); editor, Edith Colegrove Noyes (Vermont), and archivist, Mabel Freeman Lagerlof (Vermont).

Edith Colegrove Noyes

BUFFALO

The Buffalo Alumnae chapter found themselves involved in another busy and interesting year. An outstanding meeting featured one of our own members, Portia Ackerman, telling us of her life in Japan as the wife of an army officer, and showing her colored movies. Founders' Day, as always, is a highlight of the year—and this time we were entertained by Mildred Connor's slides and interesting talk about her tour of Europe.

Our money-making project proved highly successful, and we were most pleased as it was a "first" for our group. We sponsored a production of one of the local Little Theatre groups. This meant selling tickets for a specific night. We managed to sell enough so that a profit was realized.

Our local charity is still the Protestant Home for Children and we are happy to continue our efforts there.

The Buffalo ice and snow cut down on attendance at the Christmas tea for college actives. All who came, however, enjoyed tea and cookies and chatting. This annual get-together serves a double purpose—an opportunity for members of different chapters to get to know one another, and it also provides a chance for the alumnae to become acquainted with actives from nearby chapters. It might even have a third purpose, in that it is a marvelous opportunity for the alums to reminisce a bit about the good old college days and to learn about present college days. In any event, it is always fun and we are looking forward to meeting the college actives again at holiday time.

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BURLINGTON

The Burlington Alumnae started their year with a pleasant dessert hour held with the active chapter in

Glory be!

Unexpectedly, in the middle of an article about the Foster Parents' Plan by Bill Slocum of the New York Mirror, there appeared this sentence: "It's common knowledge that our young women have been spoiled beyond belief. Yet 38 chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority are supporting 38 children through Foster Parents."

Could it be that eventually the press, in general will choose the philanthropic attitudes of the fraternity system to publicize, like that? Blessed be the day.

the newly remodeled and redecorated Theta house. This is an annual event and one looked forward to as a chance to see and chat with the busy college group. The house, so greatly changed with its "face-lifting" still seems too good to be true and an Open House for interested townspeople, students and alumnae was given in late October.

The yearly fund raising project is a spaghetti supper given at the chapter house and cooked and served by alumnae members. Many students attend to eat big helpings of the good cooking and \$85.00 was sent to the Institute of Logopedics from this effort.

The Senior Service was held in May at the home of Mrs. Paul French (better known as Helen French and Theta's past Grand President). At her charming old stone house, just outside of town, with daffodils blooming and the smell of lilacs everywhere, the Senior girls were welcomed into the alumnae group. Helen spoke to them of the advantages of finding an alumnae chapter or club near them, wherever they all might be located and of the great pleasure and help they would gain from it and also be able to give to it.

June brought the largest attendance ever at June Spreads—always held during Commencement weekend for all Thetas. Another Open House was held at the chapter house, given by the alumnae for returning graduates and parents of seniors. This was also a celebration of the 76th year of Kappa Alpha Theta on the University of Vermont campus.

Alice Hamilton Myers

CINCINNATI

The Cincinnati alums, after an eventful, funfilled, and hardworking 1957 season are all set to go again! Our big project in the near future is a dance to be given with Kappa Kappa Gamma and Tri Delt alumnae at Cincinnati's Castle Farm. Enthusiasm is high—we are trying to sell five hundred tickets.

Another of our projects certainly does not help us to keep our slim, trim figures but what a project it is! We're buying and selling the most delicious candy. It's wonderful for gift-giving.

Of special interest to all of us is the coming city election this year because our Alumnae District President, Morton Brown Gusweiler, is a republican candidate for re-election. Morton was appointed to council last January after another member resigned. Many Cincinnati Thetas have an active interest in Morton's campaign. We all, of course, wish her the best of luck. She still, even with a full-time job as councilwoman, found time to devote to the active chapter during rushing. She is most talented in dramatics so the Alpha Taus always seek her help with skits.

Speaking of rushing, the alums worked ever so hard this year—everyone was so willing to help the active chapter. The Recommendation Committee, of which Elizabeth Igler Whitesides is chairman, met regularly all summer and were pleased with the co-operation of all Cincinnati alums in helping to locate and get information about rushees. We were rewarded for our work with a grand pledge class of nineteen.

The 1957-1958 Program, arranged by Peggy Benjamin Heyman, promises many entertaining and informative meetings. "Christmas Issues," a Garden Center

Tour, and a discussion of "Family Service in the Community" are but a few of the topics and events for meetings to come. We are all looking forward to another season of fun and fellowship.

Jean Bauer Bogart

CLEVELAND

The outstanding event on the calendar of the Cleveland chapter was the benefit dance we gave with the West Shore Club. The members and guests had a delightful evening of dancing which enabled us to send a sizable check to the Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center. We also sold Christmas Cards, contributed to our national philanthropy and sent gifts to mental patients.

In the fall we began an annual tea to welcome any Thetas new to Cleveland. During the Christmas holidays this year's new chapter president, Dorothy Deutsch Such, held a brunch at her home for actives on vacation from school. At this fun party we exchanged ideas and helpful information for future rushing.

Our supper meetings are still popular and we welcome any visitors or newcomers to our town.

Virginia Reynolds Caswall

COLUMBUS

As early as our first meeting in October, plans were under way for our big money making project. We of this chapter are proud of the donation we are able to make to The Institute of Logopedics. Our April dessert-bridge party which also included a bake sale and lots of prizes, plus fun for everyone enabled us to donate to the institute.

Our own alumnae contributed a great deal to the success of the year. Marjorie Packard (Alpha Gamma) invited us to her lovely home for our October picnic. Everyone was asked to bring a small gift and these were distributed to the rules of musical chair.

In November we met the Alpha Gamma pledges at a dinner meeting. Though our convention delegate Ernestine Miller (Gamma Deuteron) was unable to attend this meeting her very interesting report was read. Ginny Edwards (Alpha Tau) our district president followed up the report with slides taken at Lake Louise of real "cinerama" dimension.

By January everyone was anticipating Founders' Day at the University Club. One of the main topics of conversation during lunch was the unique and very pretty table decorations created by Lucie Collins (Gamma). They were azalea bushes wrapped in gold foil and decorated with styrofoam kites and pledge pins together with tiny birds and bumblebees. Each little bush was sold for \$2.00. Marjorie Montrose talked about Kappa Alpha Theta in the past, present and future in colleges. Betty Kennon (Gamma) our hard working president was glad to see such a good attendance for Founders' Day and a nice profit.

If alumnae chapters are looking for programs, we suggest they ask a member to review the book *We Who Wear Kites* by Carol Green Wilson. Ginny Edwards (Alpha Tau) made our February meeting a grand experience with her review.

Everyone had fun making sock dolls for Children's Hospital. We were a little slow with the needle, but they were completed in two meetings. The children enjoy playing with them and they provide a good group project.

To round out our calendar we had a potluck supper with the Mother's Club of Alpha Gamma.

We are looking forward to another successful year under the leadership of Bunny Merrell (Alpha Gamma), president; Dorothy Eilers (Alpha Tau), vice president; Harriet Stone (Beta Tau), recording secretary, and Lucie Collins (Gamma), corresponding secretary.

Joyce Sandbo Shisler

DAYTON

"What ever will I wear?" The Dayton Kappas and Thetas found the solution to that everlasting question at a style show and tea which was given by the Thetas for the entertainment of the Kappa Alumnae in Dayton. Janet Shoenberg Robinson (Beta Tau) was show chairman and our own lovely Theta Alumnae were the models. It was a wonderful evening and everyone is hoping the Thetas will have another style show in the near future.

At Christmas time our Alumnae under the capable leadership of our president Mary Jo Buvinger Wolters (Gamma Deuteron) gave a party for the children of the Dayton Hearing and Speech Clinic. There was a Santa and we made a Nativity Scene for the children. We gave them a specially built record player which they needed badly. We plan to make a project of doing something to help the clinic in some needed way each year. The proceeds from our Christmas card sale and our rummage sale will help us with this new project.

We were proud to have been hosts to the District X Convention this year. Dorothy Lerch Berner (Gamma Deuteron) was registration chairman and Joyce Grier-son Shepard (Beta Tau) was her assistant. The convention inspired us once again and we all came home with new ideas and projects for the future.

Marilyn McKenzie Curtis

DENVER

Here in Denver things are changing.

The population has mushroomed; new buildings are handsomely lifting the face of downtown; and housing developments, instantly filled with families and shopping centers, seem to appear overnight. Naturally, Denver's tremendous and rapid growth has affected us Thetas.

Because it isn't possible for all four hundred of us to attend all meetings, Evelyn Stubblefield Cass, our far-sighted president, and the Executive Board formed a special committee this past summer to discuss how to provide a varied, physically wide-spread program for everybody. Also, so Thetas could know and work with their Theta neighbors. As a result, the Denver alumnae are going to have "area" meetings. The city has been divided into six strategic regions. Each will have separate meetings, in addition to those general meetings and parties planned for the year. The individual groups will meet at flexible times, during the

day, at night, on Saturdays, instead of the traditional Monday nights heretofore.

This is, of course, experimental. We are all interested to see how it will work out, and whether "area" meetings make it more possible for every alum to participate in at least one Theta activity throughout the year. Other changes have taken place too.

At Tri-District Convention, two deserving members of our group were elected to office. Lorraine Moody Harris was elected District XVII's first alumnae president. (She is past president of the Colorado Springs and Albuquerque Alumnae clubs, has been on Beta Omega's advisory board, and was chairman of Gamma Omicron's house board for five years.) And, as we had hoped, our dear Josephine Brossard Stansfield was re-elected College District President of District XVII. Congratulations to both!

Special credit this past year goes to Janet Keating Lames, who was the key figure for the fashion show for crippled children (for which Thetas sold the most tickets); to Frankie Ransberger Winner and Charlotte Pendergast Autrey for their work on our Christmas card money-raising project (it netted us \$282, quite marvelous for a brand new idea); to Diane Bekins Gilman, Joan Stevenson Snyder, Mary Cook Huggins and Lou Regier Stirling, who worked tirelessly on recommendations all summer and during rush week at Boulder; and to Mabel Wright Musgrave who was over-all chairman of money-making projects during the year.

Beta Theta Tribute



Meeting to honor Dessie Robertson Barrows at the Beta Theta Chapter house were, left to right, back row: JoAnn Thompson, District XV Alumnae President; Lorraine Langdon, College chapter president, and June Ramstedt, treasurer of the house corporation. Seated are Maude Iddings and Gertrude Axtell, former patronesses.

We all say "thanks" for the interesting and varied program chart this past twelve months brought. Marie Miller Knittle arranged for two joint junior and senior meetings, one a garden buffet, and the other a clever quiz on fraternity education. We learned at another meeting that "Hats Reflect Personality," which was fun as we modeled the hats! In December our traditional egg nog party and the coffee for college students home for vacation added festivity. January brought the informative and excellent talk, "Your F.B.I. and What It Does."

Beautiful Columbine Country Club was the setting of Founders' Day Luncheon. We appreciate the expert coordination by Lala O'Leary Bomholt, who was chairman, and the artistic table decorations by Jean Phillips Brigham and her committee. Your editor had the honor of being mistress of ceremonies.

A charming idea was the June "Al Fresco" coffee, where juniors transferring to the senior group were welcomed.

Next year, we will celebrate our 50th anniversary. This alum chapter was founded in 1908. Founders' Day should really be outstanding and newsletter-worthy!

Beverly Anderson Nemiro

DETROIT

The Detroit Alumnae chapter has good reason to be proud of its record in philanthropy during the 1956-1957 season. Our sale of Christmas cards gave us a net profit of \$2,428.47. Of this amount, \$500 was sent to the Institute of Logopedics and \$1,800 was sent to the Detroit Orthopedic Clinic. The Clinic is using the money which we sent for two partial nursery school scholarships at \$600 each, an electric typewriter (\$300) for use in therapy, and the remaining \$300 for its recreational program. In addition Detroit Thetas worked two days in the Cancer Clinic and two days at the College Women's Volunteer Service Toy Workshop.

The sum of \$132.00 was raised and sent to Pi chapter at Albion College.

The theme for our 1956-1957 meetings was "What's Current?" In October Richard VanDusan, who was a candidate for State Attorney General, spoke on the state and national issues as he saw them. In November the Readers' Bureau of Wayne University supplied us with a fine young speaker who gave short reviews of books we might like to include on our shopping list for Christmas. Founders' Day was observed with a luncheon at the Harmonie Club. Our own Alice Mary Lehman Hykes gave an outstanding review of *The Man Who Lived Twice* in March. An April luncheon meeting followed by bridge was an innovation this year. Since our other meetings are dinner meetings there was much favorable comment about this daytime meeting. The Detroit Edison Company presented a talk on "Garden Lighting" at our May meeting.

We are proud to have as members of the Detroit Alumnae chapter the newly elected College District President, Wilma Jones Steadman, and the first Alumnae District President for District III, Barbara Fisher Harder. Another district officer, State Chair-

man Rachel Fleming Stimpson, appointed last spring, is also one of our members.

Closing the year's activities at the annual meeting in May, the Detroit Alumnae chapter installed the following new officers: Muriel Anderson Steed, president; Wilma Wagenvood Ferguson, vice-president; Judith Boutet Aubrey, corresponding secretary; Sally Alber Bartley, chaplain; Elizabeth Shaffer Black, senior Panhellenic; and Eleanor Hunter Maharry, junior Panhellenic.

Virginia Sands MacLean has been a grand president and we're looking forward to another fine season including Founders' Day with the Birmingham Club.

Ann Schaffner Reed

EDMONTON

"Bring a Theta" was the theme of the first meeting held at the chapter house October 15. A good turn-out of alumnae enjoyed the get acquainted meeting and sing-song. Audrey Carson gave an enjoyable account of her attendance at the North West District Convention. An attractive selection of Christmas wrapping paper and gift cards was on display and will be made available to all members; this will comprise the group's main money-making project this term.

President Pat McKay and her executive committee are planning another busy year for Edmonton Theta alums. Two objectives for '57-'58 will be the selection and support of a local philanthropy and a boosting of the group's membership.

Marlene Macintosh

EL PASO

The El Paso Alumnae chapter has completed another busy year. Our past president, Catherine Hawbaker Pogson (Delta), attended District Convention in Dallas and came back with an inspiring and an informative report. Catherine also brought home a new idea for our fund raising project, selling "Social Caper Calendars." Last year we were very successful in selling Christmas cards and hope to be even more successful with the calendars, which are very attractive. Most of the money we raise is sent to the Institute of Logopedics.

Our summer rush party was held the last of June at the lovely home of Olga Burnett Roderick (Alpha Omicron). Although there were not many rushees, the party was a gay, festive affair, enjoyed by all who attended. We were delighted to pledge Ruth Gillett at Texas University. Ruth is the sister of "Tita" Gillett, an outstanding recent graduate of T.U. and also a Theta.

Two of the six new provisional members of the Junior League of El Paso are Thetas. They are Mary Kay Kilburn (Alpha Theta) and Mary Lou Chaffee Vaughn (Beta Iota). Mary Kay was also a duchess to the Sun Carnival last year.

Many of our members are army wives. This past year we have enjoyed having Paula Bargeman Baur (Eta), who is now moving with her husband and seven months old son to Kalamazoo, Michigan. Nancy Dawson (Alpha Upsilon) is now stationed at Fort

Meade, Maryland. Jean Palmer Zender has moved to Arizona. Our new members so far this year are Margaret Merchant Michael (Beta Sigma), Ann Day Marshall (Beta Sigma), Joan Rish Shiplett (Beta), Rosemary Anderson Olson (Alpha Lambda), and Georgia Benakis Hughes (Gamma Omicron).

Our new officers were elected and assumed their duties in the spring. They are: Frances Roderick Barnard (Alpha Delta), president; Dorothy Bodeewes Finger (Beta Delta), vice-president; Jean Hilles Massey (Beta Zeta), secretary; Shirley Kernodle Prather (Kappa), corresponding secretary; Martine Floyd Hammond (Alpha Theta), treasurer; Jean Jones Kemp (Beta Sigma), editor; Mary Lou Chaffee Vaughn (Beta Iota), magazines; Ruth Price Brewster (Beta Sigma), philanthropy; and Florence Brener Jordan (Gamma Epsilon), fraternity education. Due to the acute shortage of teachers, Jean Massey is teaching at Texas Western College and Mickey Patton Bray (Gamma Omicron) has taken over her office as secretary.

Jean Jones Kemp

EVANSTON-NORTH SHORE

It wasn't that the Evanston-North Shore alums were "stingy" summer before last, or that the printer was lazy; but, because of the pure geographical location of this chapter—which draws from eleven sizeable suburbs (and also from a hamlet called Chicago on the right)—the directory, listing members through the years, had just plain gotten too big. Therefore a decision was made to list only paid members in the 1956-57 yearbook.

In answer to a letter sent out in August '56 stating this new policy, sleeping Thetas stirred; and the result was an influx of mail to Chairman Jean Steffen Smith (Alpha Psi '37) who found, therein, 171 paid memberships—all birds in the hand.

These birds, now feeling an actual part of the group, flew to the meetings in droves so that the October hostess, Helen Hedges Stoetzel (Tau '23) was put to it to feed about forty more than she expected. President Helen Hansmann Leister (Tau '31) thereupon inspired them all to keep coming, which they did.

It was therefore with confidence that the chapter published its *Who Cooked The Last Goose*, the hostess record book which, in selling at a profit, keeps the treasury fat and happy. This book, now in its second printing, is available to Theta Alumnae and other groups whose treasury is skinny and tired.

It may be ordered in lots of twenty-five or more for one dollar each, and resold for not less than \$1.50 each. Single copies are available at retail price, or for free on approval, from President Ruth Karrow Ash (Alpha Psi '35) at 1260 21st street, Wilmette, Illinois.

This new President—the 1957-58 model—is not letting sleeping Thetas lie, either. There they were, just moved to town or to a new neighborhood; so Ruth and her Board instigated "Neighborhood Round-Up" parties through the summer wherein nine hostesses, scattered around the suburbs, sent out 700 in-



Ruth Karrow Ash (Alpha Psi) is serving as this year's president of the Evanston-North Shore Alumnae chapter.

vitations to informal get-togethers for Thetas of all ages.

All ages came. After seeing exhibits of the activities of the chapter—particularly those of the sewing group—they, too, resolved themselves to Theta camaraderie.

Another outstanding event of the year was the benefit cocktail Christmas party at the home of Lorraine Anderson Schroeder (Tau '30) which helped make it possible to contribute \$200 to the National project, \$400 to the state project, and \$100 to Tau's scholarship fund. Other beautiful homes welcomed the Chapter to monthly meetings for luncheons and programs.

Founders' Day this year—as it was last year—will be observed by the Alumnae chapter, the Chicago-North Shore Alumnae Club and the active Tau chapter at its Northwestern chapter house. Florence Schroeder Kuiper (Tau '31), Chairman, plans a dessert at 7:30 on January 15, followed by a program in which the presidents of the three groups will participate in the traditional Founders' Day ceremony; and others will put on a skit which is already under rehearsal.

Elizabeth Bell Sweet

FARGO

The alumnae of Fargo had monthly meetings at the Gamma Nu chapter house on the NDSC campus. The highlights of this past year will long be remembered.

In October, we held a Theta homecoming potluck supper, with the Gamma Nu college chapter and Mother's Club as guests. After the supper a group of actives entertained us with a medley of Theta songs. Also in October we were honored with the return of Kathryn Turney Garten, who presented *Ethel, Gertrude and Laurette*.

A new idea was carried out in December when we were hostesses to a Christmas brunch at the chapter house. We had Theta college and alumnae members

as our guests. We hope to make it an annual affair.

During the winter months a great deal of time was spent working on various projects that would eventually be sent to the Institute of Logopedics in Kansas. We divided into what we called *neighborhood groups*. These groups met a number of times in different homes. Besides making stuffed toys, bean bags, an afghan and various other items, the women became better acquainted and had a tremendous amount of fun. The pledges of the college chapter also helped us make the toys.

The latter part of January, the annual Founders' Day tea was held at the chapter house. A skit about our founders was presented by the active chapter.

To conclude the year, we held our summer reunion at the Iver's cottage on Pelican Lake, Pelican Rapids, Minnesota. It was a huge success with many active Thetas from other schools and alumnae from the surrounding area attending. Following the luncheon the afternoon was spent swimming, boating, water-skiing and just chatting.

With the year's activities behind us, we are eagerly awaiting the start of the fall program.

Barbara Martin Torgerson

FORT WORTH

Several members of the Fort Worth Alumnae chapter heard the discussion about trying a *Flaming Festival* at the Tri-District Convention in Dallas. So they brought the idea home and Ann Curtis Champlin, president (Alpha Mu), assisted by Euella Pearson Laubenheim (Alpha Theta), and Willette Jarrell

Roarke (Beta Sigma) went to work for long months on the project. They were able to obtain most unusual candles to use for table settings and displays. These candles were for sale and the response was terrific! One table was set with a black and gold cloth, a brass punch bowl and a candelabra. This was highlighted by using the matching goblets to the punch bowl filled with "Tuzzy-muzzys" (English nose-gays) accented with pansies. This was our tea table from which we served punch and cookies. Responsible for this main attraction were hostesses: Jackie Sanders Thomas (Alpha Theta), Alice Rhea Thompson (Alpha Theta) and "Pat" Clark Morris (Beta Sigma).

Our Mother's Club representative, Mrs. E. J. Robnett, did a bride's table, Rossie Stile Baker (Gamma Phi) and Betty Clare Carnrike Kenyon (Alpha Omicron) did a harvest table; Kitty Edwards Durst (Gamma Psi), Christmas; Mary Lu Johnson Gribi (Alpha Omicron), Halloween; Betty Jane Hickman Wilchar (Gamma Psi), Easter; Lois Benton Harvey (Alpha Iota), patio; Ann Richards (Alpha Theta), men's table; Shirley Kaufman Alters (Alpha Theta), tapers; and Armilda Jane Magee Loveless (Beta Sigma), gift wrapping. A local florist did a Valentine table, and helped us purchase many of the unusual candles. Geraldine Whiteford Horne (Beta Omicron) was ticket chairman.

We had our *Flaming Festival* at the Fort Worth Garden Center. The black and gold theme was carried out from the entrance to the tea table. Brass stands were used with black twisted pillar candles, and gold ivy was arranged around the base of each one. A local department store furnished the door prize which was a piece of brass done up in black



The Fargo Alumnae chapter, hostesses, held a summer reunion at the Iver's cottage on Pelican Lake, Minnesota.

and gold. We also displayed an enlarged replica of the Theta pin. Gamma Psi here at T.C.U. made this out of pearls and black and gold beads. It was very effective. By the way, we sold Theta silver and brass polish galore!

The Festival was indeed a big success, and we hope to do it on a larger scale again next year. We understand that Kansas City, Lubbock, Oklahoma City and Tulsa are also trying the *Flaming Festival* idea this year. We hope theirs proves as successful as ours!

Kathryn Monnig Stall

FRESNO

As Fresno Thetas began their second year as a full-fledged alumnae chapter under President Doris DeLacy Stillman (Gamma Chi), they focused their united attention on the big project of the year. In June all hands turned to make a tremendous success of the chapter's big annual money-making affair, "Coffee and Cottons," with returns going to philanthropic work and the chapter house. This year it was again held in the garden of the home of Barbara Hostetter Thomas (Omega), with Barbara chairmanning the arrangements. Individual tables centered with flowers dotted the landscape as the guests and members watched models parade transitional styles. The 1957 fall season was launched with a garden party welcoming graduates to the group as well as Thetas new to the area. Oriental lanterns were used to light the festivities arranged by Dorothy Coleman DeRemer (Gamma Chi) in the home of Virginia Phelps Meux (Omega). In October Thetas and husbands gathered beneath the light of luau torches for a cocktail hour and buffet supper held in the garden of the home of Joyce Heeren Dale (Gamma Chi). No catered affair this—a committee under Betty Miley Ashley and Barbara Rodgers Roullard (Gamma Chis) provided the delectables. At Christmas we Theta alumnae will gather with the actives in the chapter house for a

special Yuletide party, a shower for the house with gaily wrapped packages beneath a tree to mark our continuous efforts to provide help to the college group in maintaining the new chapter house. The Founders' Day luncheon is set for February 15 at 12:30 at an exciting new locale, Harvan's Dining Room at Shaw and Palm Avenues; this spot, catering to groups such as ours, has not yet opened. Committee head for this traditional affair is Dorothy Hatfield Carstens (Gamma Chi). Final social affair highlighting the year will be a breakfast in May honoring June graduates of the Gamma Chi chapter in the home of Alberta Wyatt Bernhauer (Gamma Chi).

Other monthly meetings outlined by Vice-President Helen Harwell Beard (Alpha Upsilon) to provide variety promise us a dessert bridge party, a morning coffee honoring the Theta Mothers, a travelogue with pictures to which husbands are invited, and a white elephant sale.

More than 100 active members (some scattered from Wake Island to Germany where no active Theta alumnae groups are to be found) have responded to the leadership of a grand and enthusiastic group of officers to make us all very proud of our new chapter, and we're working always toward a bigger future!

Marilyn Hanner Bonsor

HARTFORD

We Thetas of Hartford Alumnae chapter feel a real sense of achievement this year, besides having renewed many warm acquaintances and having made new friends.

With a calendar full of busy meetings and interesting programs, we are gradually increasing our membership and interest within the group. This fall, for the first time, we printed our own Theta booklet giving dates, places, and programs for each meeting this coming year.

One meeting in particular which we thoroughly en-

Sophia Ambrose Burns (right) was honored at the Fort Worth Founders' Day dinner, which was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. T. C. Terrell. Sophia and her sister Rosa were initiated into Alpha Eta the year the chapter was founded.

Standing with her are (left to right): Euela Pearson Laubenheim, one of the hostesses and trustee for the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation at TCU; Catherine Terrell Smith, hostess and president of the Foundation; and Doris Callaway Werst, president of the Ft. Worth alumnae.





A group of Thetas and their husbands enjoy a buffet supper in the garden of Joyce Heeren Dale's home, an affair arranged by the Fresno Alumnae chapter.

joyed this past year was our potluck dinner on Founders' Day. After dinner and our ceremony celebrating our founding, we had a delightful program planned to teach us all something about each other's chapter lives from near and far. Young and old members gave delightful and varied accounts of chapter life at whichever college or university they had attended. It was thrilling to see how Theta had brought us together that evening when we represented such a variety of states and college backgrounds. Those of us from smaller groups learned the problems in organizing and managing rushing in the larger chapters.

Among some of the interesting memories recounted was chapter life at Lambda in 1920. Imagine fraternity and sorority meetings being held on Saturday nights with dating practically unheard of. In the 1940's, meetings weren't held on Saturday nights, but there still wasn't much dating as the men were in the service and the Thetas lived in a converted fraternity house.

In contrast we heard of Chi's beautiful sorority house, built specifically as a chapter house, in a lovely central location at Syracuse. We learned Chi is a chapter with a unique method of applauding—a snapping of fingers which Chi members have not encountered in any other chapter.

It was interesting to see how Theta activity dominated at Washburn College back in 1935, as Topeka was what was called a Theta town, brimming over with active alumnae.

And so we spent a wonderful evening sharing our contrasting experiences with each other and comparing our varied chapter lives.

Another memorable event this past year was our annual benefit dessert bridge and fashion show which was successful beyond all expectations. Having almost doubled last year's sales, it left the committee members happily scrambling to squeeze in extra tables to accommodate the crowd. Table centerpieces were admired by all and given as table prizes to the lucky winners. Besides the many lovely door prizes and a showing of the latest styles, coffee and cake summed up an evening full of fun and profit for the institute.

So we now are off to what we feel is a good start on another year of friendly gatherings, inter-

esting speakers and programs which also serve to keep us together and remind us of the wonderful bonds of Theta friendship.

Jane Martin Thomson

INDIANAPOLIS

Thetas of Indianapolis have had another busy year. Many of the members devoted their time at the Well-Baby Clinic in the Medical Center while others carried on the work of officers and committee chairmen. Telephoning people for meetings, making State Day arrangements and working on the Talent Bazaar were a few of the activities that kept us busy. There were those in the chapter that represented us at the Panhellenic bridge party, and several who journeyed to District Convention.

The returning delegates from National Convention were full of enthusiasm at our first fall meeting held at the home of Dorothy Rucker Shirley. After a buffet dinner, Barbara Fuller Gilson, president, very graciously conducted the business meeting. Joan Bartholomew Garvey, convention delegate, gave us a complete report of the business meetings. Barbara added quite a colorful description of the social side of convention. We were shown movies that they had taken which made the whole thing seem quite real to all of us. The entire report was quite inspiring and got us off to a good start for the year. It was most gratifying to see the many new faces at this meeting. Jan Froeb Calvert, Hospitality Chairman, introduced each of the new members to us and explained that they were wearing ribbons on their name tags to help us recognize them.

Edith Thayer Gardner, Program Chairman, planned a splendid variety of entertainment for the year. Mrs. Elizabeth Phillips, Director of Halcyon House brought us the History of Glamour at our November meeting. Other speakers were Mr. Arthur Gemmer and Miss Clara Ryan. Mr. Gemmer represents a civic group promoting a zoo for Indianapolis, and his subject was "Take a Tip From the Animals." Miss Ryan, a local teacher of dramatics, gave several readings from Cornelia Otis Skinner.

We were very pleased to have as our guest in October, Letty Henderson Munz. The Gamma pledges entertained us with a very clever skit first presented at the 1956 Convention in order to boost magazine sales. The chairman of our annual bazaar, Eleanor Stradling, presented an audience participation guessing game of an article silhouetted from each bazaar booth. Some of the articles that had been completed were then displayed.

December is Bazaar month for Indianapolis Thetas. After many days of work and planning, we set up our booths in the Marott Hotel to display our handiwork. This year we sold quite an assortment of aprons, hats, baked goods, toys, gifts and Christmas Cards and Decorations. Tea was served from two until four o'clock for the shoppers. Once again we were happy to be able to send our contributions to the Institute of Logopedics and the Marion County Child Guidance Clinic due to the success of the Bazaar.

Instead of our usual evening meeting we held a luncheon in January at the home of Elizabeth Marshall Stout. The lunch was served by a cateress and quite successful. Agnes Hinkle Adams reviewed *Who Wear Kites*.

February was highlighted with a visit from our District President, Florence Wylie.

We seemed to be very fortunate in having prominent Thetas with us this year. Mary Brandriff gave a most inspiring speech at Founders' Day that appealed to the many actives as well as alumnae in attendance. We were very proud of the collection of pennies for the Friendship Fund that exceeded past donations.

The new officers were installed at the April meeting. They are: president, Jan Froeb Calvert; vice-president, Martha Emison Baur; corresponding secretary, Mary Jane Steeg Lorenz; recording secretary, Dodie Miles Kappes; treasurer, Marge Wiggins Hanley; assistant treasurer, Connie Hudson Pershing; corresponding editor, Kathleen Beach Harry; Historian-archivist, Glee Green Menke.

In addition to the regular meeting in April we

entertained Indianapolis Panhellenic at the Gamma chapter House. This proved to be an excellent opportunity to become better acquainted with our many Panhellenic neighbors and end our year's activities.

Betty Schroyer Wade

KANSAS CITY

Another successful year has come to an end with the leadership of our able officers and their committees and the active and enthusiastic participation of our chapter members. The year was started with our annual welcoming luncheon at Mission Hills Country Club honoring new members of the alumnae group.

The month of October found us preparing for the "Flaming Festival," our project to raise funds for the Institute of Logopedics. The Festival, held October 30, was highly successful. The attractive exhibits, utilizing and emphasizing candles were viewed by hundreds of guests from 11:00 in the morning until 9:00 in the evening. Through the sales of tickets and the candles and the leadership of our Ways and Means Chairman, Betty Lou Ogan Washburn (Alpha Mu) and her able committeemen, a profit of \$2,200 was realized, \$1,000 of which was sent to the Institute of Logopedics.

The 87th Founders' Day banquet was held at the Fountain Room of Milleman's where Sue Snyder Hoffstot (Alpha Upsilon) was named 1957 "Theta of the Year" for her contributions to civic affairs. The program (a skit), instigated and initiated by the entertainment committee, was applauded by all.

Throughout the winter months our local project was continued at the Hickory Grove School clinic, a field center of the Institute of Logopedics. It was to this local project that we were able to give not only volunteer service in taking case histories and performing clerical work, but also a donation of \$200. Proceeds from the "Flaming Festival" made this donation possible.

There were many outstanding and entertaining programs provided at the monthly meetings and dinners. President Peggy Davis Brownlee (Kappa) began

Special bouquets go to these committee chairmen who led the way to another successful "Flaming Festival." Back row, left to right: Agnes Husband Hall (Kappa); Jane Sheldon Kelly (Alpha Mu); Betty Sauder Byers (Kappa); Betty Lou Ogan Washburn III (Alpha Mu), Festival Chairman; Susan Snyder Hoffstot, Jr. (Alpha Upsilon). Front row, left to right: Nancy Seaman Newton (Kappa); Peggy Davis Brownlee (Kappa); Jane Duff Cain (Alpha Mu) and Aileen Ainsworth Van Auken (Kappa).



the yearly meetings with her report on the National Convention at Banff and introduced the inspiring ideas brought forth there.

In November, Mrs. Robert W. Long presented us with her interesting discussion of "Philosophy of Hats," a topic otherwise unfamiliar to the group. Other interesting and informative programs included a candid photographic tour of "Colorful Hawaii" as presented by Kappa chapter's Sue Snyder Hoffstot; an informative talk on "Rare Scientific Books" owned by Kansas City University's Linda Hall Library and presented by Joseph Shipman; a review of *We Who Wear Kites* colorfully introduced by Marianne Swisher (Alpha Mu); a film and discussion on "Modern Architecture" given by Architect Ralph E. Myers, and finally the introduction to our group of student representatives of the American Field Service.

Installation of officers took place in March at which time Geneva Herndon Michael (Alpha Upsilon) was installed as president. Vice-president is Agnes Husband Hall (Kappa); recording secretary, Katharine Cole Hayes; corresponding secretary, Mary Mantz Griffith (Beta Iota); and treasurer, Lois Friedebach Johnson (Rho).

Other officers installed were: assistant treasurer, Betty Beck Favreau (Alpha Upsilon); archivist, Betty Pote Bowman (Gamma Pi); editor, Nancy Seaman Newton (Kappa); Panhellenic delegates, Ruth Ann Woodin Roubush (Beta Tau) and Peggy Davis Brownlee (Kappa); magazine representative, Ruth Burton Kerr (Beta Gamma).

K. C. alums are looking forward to another outstanding year in our alumnae group and hope that we are able to again develop our most important and prosperous "Flaming Festival" project.

Nancy Seaman Newton

LAFAYETTE

The highlight of the past year for Lafayette Thetas was the completion of Alpha Chi chapter's new house. This was the culmination of the efforts of many Thetas working diligently through the years. The March alumnae meeting was the first to be held at K A Θ's new address, and at this time new officers were elected. Sue Murray Reser (Beta) was elected to succeed Jean McPherson Heinmiller (Beta) as president. Other officers are vice-president, Beverley Taylor Oyler (Alpha Chi); recording secretary, Joyce Dye Folk (Alpha Chi); corresponding secretary, Nancy Crockett (Beta); treasurer, Meredith Hunt Horner (Alpha Chi); Panhellenic representative, Jean Heinmiller; archivist, Veronica Jordan Ricks (Alpha

Chi); editor, Barbara Dye Thayer (Alpha Chi).

In the fall we sponsored Gene Mercere, portrait artist, for two weeks as a money-raising project. We baked our fruit cakes in November and December—800 delicious pounds. Other projects to raise funds were magazine sales and silver polish sales.

The Institute of Logopedics was the topic of a special program at the November meeting.

In December we had a lovely luncheon meeting at which local girls who are Thetas in various college chapters were our guests. Each girl spoke interestingly about Theta activities and rush in her own college chapter. We plan to make this an annual affair.

Alumnae, actives and pledges celebrated Founders' Day at a luncheon held at the Lafayette Country Club. Jean Heinmiller, Betty DeGrief Burke (Gamma), Harriet Rogers Kohlmeier (Gamma Deuteron) and Pat Klopfenstein (Alpha Chi president) conducted the candle lighting ceremony honoring the founders.

Sue Reser was hostess of the last meeting of the year. The officers served as the committee for a barbecue which all alumnae and husbands enjoyed.

We were thrilled to have the national officers meet in our new Theta house in September. The officers were our guests at our first meeting of the year. Jane Pepper Shook (Alpha Chi) was hostess for cocktails, and dinner was served at Sarge Biltz's restaurant. It was wonderful for us to meet and talk to these Thetas. And we were especially proud that four of the District Presidents are Alpha Chi Thetas! With such a grand start we feel we are going to have a wonderful year.

Barbara Dye Thayer

LANSING-EAST LANSING

The year 1956-57 was one that will long be remembered by the Lansing-East Lansing alumnae chapter. The year was marked by the enthusiastic leadership of the officers and the diligent work of the committee members.

Highlighting the social activities was the spring party honoring the graduating seniors. A buffet dinner for forty-eight was served in the Faculty Row home of Sarah Shaw Hannah, wife of the President of Michigan State University. In addition to announcing the winner of the senior activity award, each of the graduates was presented with a personalized gift. The dinner committee was very ably headed by Nina Eveleth Eckert.

Founders' Day was observed at the Beta Pi chapter house when actives and alumnae gathered for the

The Long Winter

One of the notices going out from Central Office concerning the officers' conference to be held at Purdue for four days in September, inadvertently gave the dates as Sept. 10th to June 12th. "It's going to be a long winter in Lafayette," says Maxine Wilson of District Thirteen, "—but I'm sure we'll all make out!"

Lafayette, we are here!

By coincidence, representing widely different areas of the United States, four of the new district presidents happen to be graduates of Purdue University—much to the delight of Alpha Chi chapter. Here they are, with Grand President Letty Munz, in front of the new Purdue chapter house. Left to right: Barbara Fisher Harder of Dearborn, Mich., Katherine Lucas Goodwin of Frankfort, Ind., Grand President Letty Munz, Esther Elsey Cleaves of San Diego, Calif., and Sara Foorman Kirkman of Minneapolis, Minn.

occasion and to honor their district president, Nanette Vandervoort Martin, of East Lansing. In tribute to this outstanding local alumna, many of Nanette's outstanding services to Theta were cited. The group presented her with a silver pitcher in recognition of her contributions to the sorority.

The highlight of philanthropic activities was the sixth annual Christmas party for local cerebral palsy school children. It was attended by the patients, their sisters and brothers, parents and school staff. Alumnae treated the children with dozens of homemade cookies and ice cream. The children made centerpieces for the dinner tables. These were red and green paper candles in glistening foil plate holders. Santa Claus gave each child a handsomely wrapped gift. The delighted children watched "Nestor and the Alligator" presented by a puppet theater group. Jean Petrie VanderMeer was chairman of the party, assisted by Jill Rogers McKaig.

To earn the necessary money for the children's Christmas party the alumnae held a talent bazaar the end of November. Members brought home made Christmas gifts, candy and cookies to sell among themselves. At this meeting Christmas recipes and gift ideas were also shared.

Eleanor Long Chapin

LONG BEACH

Our year of 1956-57 opened with a large and enthusiastic attendance. The October meeting was our annual buffet supper to entertain husbands and escorts at Peg VonRohr's home in Garden Grove. We then made plans for supporting our various philanthropies; the first of which was an auction of White Elephants and gift items just before Christmas. It was great fun, and we all felt that we had excellent bargains. We checked out tickets to sell for the fashion show sponsored by our Federation for Thetas in the Southland. The fashion show by "Irene" at the new Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills was a beautiful and successful project.

A Christmas Punch Party for the College girls during the holidays was sparked with the Christmas spirit at the beautifully decorated home of Phyllis London. Founders' Day we celebrated with a luncheon at the University Club with Virginia Oliver, our Alumnae District President, honoring us as our special guest.

A highlight of the spring meetings was one at Harriet Wood's home. Harriet is an accomplished harpist and gave us an informal recital explaining the background of the composers and facts about the compositions. No one ever misses that meeting with-

Left to right: Jane Stockton Fisk, president of the Lansing alumnae chapter; Patricia Moynihan, graduating Beta Pi senior, and Sarah Shaw Hannah, hostess for buffet dinner.



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out regrets, as we consider it a great privilege to listen to such an intimate and delightful concert. Harriet is a member of the Long Beach Philharmonic Orchestra and teaches the harp and piano. She is now working toward her master's degree at Long Beach State College.

In March, Louise Belatti returned from a year's travel in Europe and entertained us with her many amusing and interesting experiences. Then she was off again to Mexico and Central America for seven months and will give us a program about her travels.

Genevieve Downs was sent by the Los Angeles school system to Europe for a year to study methods for helping our delinquent children. Her account of experiences was most informative. Marcia Wing and family spent the past two years at The Haig in Holland as her husband was studying there on a Fulbright Scholarship Award. She promises to tell us about her life as a housefrau in Holland.

In June our president Nikki Pittman attended the joint District VII & IX convention at Carmel as our

delegate; she was accompanied by Jaunita Ritter and Adeloise Horn. They gave an interesting and enthusiastic report on their return. Our June meeting was a swim party-luncheon at Mary Jane Braddock's home. All college girls from this vicinity were invited to attend as our guests.

This account sounds like all fun and no work but, seriously, we feel that we had a very rewarding year in pleasure and work together toward our local philanthropies as well as contributing to the national Institute of Logopedics. We donated to the United Hospital Fund of Long Beach, Girl Scouts for the Elsie Lee Memorial, Exceptional Children's Foundation, Dental Health Clinic and Boys & Girls Aid Society of Altadena.

Plans for the year to come include our chapter's participation in a joint Founders' Day luncheon that will be sponsored by our Southern California Federation at the Huntington Hotel in Pasadena on March 22, 1958.

Elizabeth Klinsick Maddock



College girls and Long Beach alumnae enjoy a June luncheon and swim party at Mary Jane Braddock's home.

LONG ISLAND

Martha Hall Feyler (Syracuse), our president this and last year, led us through a socially and financially successful season. Every event seemed unique and interesting. A fine dinner at Margaret Kennedy Chamberlin's home at Mitchell Air Force Base was followed by an evening at a studio, creating ceramic treasures for Christmas presents and for profit to our treasury. It was surprising to see how artistically talented our group could be. Then the local branch of the A.A.U.W. bolstered our female ego by presenting to us a play called "The Importance of Being Women." A UNICEF movie entitled "Assignment Children" with Danny Kaye, and a delightful review of Carol Green Wilson's book *We Who Wear Kites* completed other evenings in addition to regular business meetings.

Ross Rafter Keyes (Adelphi) was excellent as chairman of our annual benefit luncheon and fashion show held at the lovely Milleridge Inn at Jericho, Long Island. Our girls modelled fashions from Peck and Peck and a highlight of this entertaining and rewarding afternoon was the winning of the mink scarf by Elaine Tomlinson Boutwell. This affair enabled us to be quite generous to our philanthropies, the Institute of Logopedics and our war orphan (a project we have faithfully supported since 1946).

Our Christmas party at the home of Alice Kelly Rayner (UCLA) was truly nostalgic with Cathy Rode Booth leading us in carols and the girls presenting a beautiful biblical program, all of which was after our dinner of plenty. In our usual manner we brought presents for the children at the St. Francis Cardiac Home in Roslyn.

Our husbands joined the fun this year at a lively supper party at the home of Marguerite Averell Dadone and again at a dinner-dance at the Mitchell Field Officers Club.

This year for the Long Island Thetas began with a charming tea at Ross Rafter Keyes' ranch home. Several new Thetas joined our chapter and we are looking forward with them to another active year. There is a meeting at the Flint and Horner Furniture Store where Betty Covert Higgins (Ohio Wesleyan) will display her interior decorating talents. Other meetings will consist of a book review by Elaine Woody Walker (William and Mary), a discussion by an investment specialist, handicraft work for the Institute of Logopedics, and our annual benefit luncheon and bridge, not to mention several social gatherings that make our chapter so warm and friendly.

Kathryn Vorbach Fox

LOS ANGELES

The highlight of the year was the tremendously successful benefit given by the Southern California Federation of Kappa Alpha Theta. Once again this joint effort of all alumnae chapters and groups in this area has proved most rewarding for our philanthropies. In the Grand Ballroom of the Beverly-Hilton on February 7, 1957 a luncheon followed by a fashion show staged by Irene netted a very substantial amount for distribution to our various welfare groups. Los Angeles Alumnae's share amounted to \$777.50 of which \$200 was given to the Institute of Logopedics, \$268 to Florence Crittenden, \$225 to Foster Parent Plan, \$50 to the USO, and \$34.50 to the Boys and Girls Aid of Altadena. Los Angeles is also the parent chapter of the Loan and Fellowship Fund and a gift of \$100 was given to this. In addition, a new enterprise was undertaken. Under the inspiring leadership of Virginia Greelis Oliver, a scholarship fund for Theta lower classmen in the local chapters was established, the recipient to be selected on a basis of need and worth. Five hundred dollars was set aside as a starting fund.

For some time we have been helping, through the Foster Parent Plan, a Dutch girl named Johanna Pickett. With gifts of clothes and little luxuries at Christmas for her and her family and a monthly



District Presidents get around! Here, Doris French visits the Long Island chapter and chats with Patricia O'Rourke Meyers, who was delegate to the Banff Convention.

contribution of money we have made her life a little brighter and now Foster Parents have assigned us a new girl to help. Germany is the home of our new adoptee, Nadia Rybak, who is fifteen years old. It is hoped we can brighten her life too, and we have already received a very appreciative letter from her.

Our services are still welcomed by the Hollywood USO and under Frances Effinger Carson's direction Theta staffs and provides sandwiches and cookies one day a month.

Founders' Day was celebrated by a brunch in the Golden State Room of the Statler Hotel. As has been our custom, awards were made to members who have been Thetas for fifty years. Six were so honored this year. The local active chapters of Beta Xi and Omicron sang Theta songs and this was followed by the roll call and the ritual. After this impressive rite, we all felt renewed in our bonds of Theta sisterhood.

On the lighter side, our meetings have offered a variety of programs and entertainment. In June a picnic was held at the home of Mary Alice Chrisy Wartman and after a delicious lunch served around the pool the informal, friendly atmosphere reflected the gratifying feeling of a year well spent in work for others as well as pleasure for ourselves.

Marjorie Finch McClanahan

LUBBOCK

One of the highlights of the year for Lubbock Alumnae chapter (then a club) was their third production of "Flaming Fantasy" in November, 1956. This candle bazaar has for Lubbock citizens become synonymous with Kappa Alpha Theta. Not only has



Dorothy McNutt (right) former alumnae district president (District XII) has tea in Houston, Texas, with the present officer, Trinkla Bland.

it come to be received with the natural kindness held toward a charity bazaar, but is apparently received with enthusiasm for an outstanding social event during the fall season.

Amidst the soft glow of flickering candles and the murmurs of appreciation by those attending, the Lubbock Thetas could feel the surge of satisfaction that accompanies the realization of a job completed. Two months of intense effort were required to produce some forty individual candle arrangements, most of which were for sale as a unit, as well as planning for an artistic and unified effect with the transition from one type and color of display to another. While the various displays included some for each holiday and season of the year, the tea table was all Kappa Alpha Theta with the colors of gold and white predominating. The challenge of presenting a beautiful exhibition economically was an exacting one but the Lubbock group reaped over \$700 profit and much personal satisfaction by being once again a part of a Theta cooperative project.

The zenith of the year for the Lubbock Alumnae, however, was April 25, 1957, when the club was installed as a chapter. Dorothy McNutt, the alumnae district president, performed the ritual which was to inspire Theta loyalty anew. Background music for the service was provided by members from the Gamma Phi Chapter at Texas Technological College.

In January it was the pleasure of the Lubbock Alumnae to celebrate Founders' Day with Gamma Phi chapter and enjoy with them a review of Carol Green Wilson's book, *We Who Wear Kites*. This reminder of the outstanding history of Theta caused many kites to soar a little higher that day. The review was presented by Panze Kimmel, chairman of the advisory

board of Gamma Phi.

This fall pledges to Kappa Alpha Theta were announced at 5:00 P.M. after a hectic rush week. Alumnae members, knowing how tired and excited the Texas Tech chapter girls were, gave a home cooked, fried chicken box supper at the gaily decorated lodge. The girls came straight from a swimming party with no food worries. Every pledge was introduced to the alums and was given a round of welcoming applause.

Six alumnae members attended the Tri-District meeting at Southern Methodist University in Dallas in June.

Mary Lou Rawlings

MADISON

The Madison Alumnae chapter experimented this year with two new ideas. The first was a dessert party with the pledges, held at the chapter house in October, soon after pledging. A group of alums presented a skit which entertained the pledges and made them realize that being a Theta was as much fun "in the olden days" as it is today. Our talented members who performed in the alum skit were: Joan Ganchat Jennerjohn, Jean Peterson Huegel, Emily Graham Kiekhofer, Margaret Hall Reiman, and Catherine Conner Spencer.

On December first we sponsored a benefit tea and style show, also at the chapter house. Genevieve Penhallegon Fox and Jeanne Deveroux Kiley, as alumnae models, made us all very proud. In conjunction with the tea we sold several small items appropriate for use as Christmas gifts or decorations. Our net profit is still undetermined, but we feel that the assets will total near \$90, which we will contribute to the Institute of Logopedics.

Elsa Hoidale Johnson

MIAMI

Under the capable leadership of Helen Donn Flipse as chairman, the Miami Alumnae chapter held its annual Christmas Bazaar (the one big project of the year) at the Coral Gables Women's Club on December 4. As usual, a tremendous amount of work went into preparations for the bazaar, but we enjoyed every minute of it. Net profit was \$2297.98, \$200 of which was allotted to the Institute of Logopedics. The balance was allocated to gifts of silver for Gamma Gamma and Gamma Omega chapters and to local welfare projects.

A formal Christmas dance was held at Coral Gables Country Club on December 27, at which active Thetas were introduced.

Founders' Day luncheon at the Columbus Hotel, with 75 members present, was an extra-special occasion, since we had with us our Grand President, Letty Munz. Ft. Lauderdale Thetas joined with us for this celebration.

We proudly honored Letty Munz and "Flivver" Little (two Grand Council members to show off—and a fine impression they made too!) at a tea at the home of Betty Kellerman Skeels on January 17. Officers and board members of Miami Panhellenic

Association and representatives from each sorority alumnae group in Miami were invited to meet our distinguished guests.

New officers elected and installed at the March meeting were: president, Ruth Robie Lacy; vice-president, Helen Donn Flipse; recording secretary, Ruth Derbyshire Larkin; corresponding secretary, Ella Faye Price Hall; treasurer, Kitty Lou Hoffman Mixson; auditor, Jean Bilderback Wright; and archivist, Pearl Lowry Rankin.

At the home of Dr. and Mrs. Ed Lacy (our president and her charming husband), we turned out full force for the Theta husbands' party in May. We were pleased to have our District President, Betty Graham, and her husband come down from Ft. Myers to be with us for this occasion, the one we all look forward to as the "most fun" of the year.

District Convention in Nashville June 11-13, with Robie Lacy as our delegate, was attended by four of our members. Robie brought back much useful information for the chapter, and the others added glowing reports of the Nashville Chapter's hospitality and the wonderful time they all had.

In spite of the customary summer slump due to vacationists, the chapter held several luncheon meetings throughout the summer which were surprisingly well attended. Also many of the booths continued their regularly scheduled workshops, still plugging determinedly on bazaar preparations.

Jean Muter Bechtolt, Yearbook Chairman (to mention only one of her many titles) has announced that we have 138 Thetas listed in our new yearbook. In accordance with the new ruling, this means we have 138 current dues-paying members.

A Miami Theta, Marion I. Manley, received the Bertha Foster Award from Chi Omega. This award is given annually to the woman selected as outstanding in contribution to the fine arts of Dade County.

The Ft. Lauderdale club will join with us again to celebrate Founders' Day. We are planning a luncheon to be held on Saturday, January 25, 1958, at the Columbus Hotel in Miami.

Ella Faye Price Hall

MILWAUKEE

We had a very wonderful and successful year in 1956-57. Our fall meeting started with our getting acquainted with a grand new group of girls from various colleges who have settled in Milwaukee, and have become active in the Theta alumnae group here.

Our President, Barbara Tumler, gave a terrific report on Convention, and indeed we were all envious of her experiences. Fall to all of us means our Christ-

mas card sales begin. Our project chairman, Jeanne Seefeld, did a wonderful job handling it this past year. Thanks to her it was again a huge success.

Through several winter meetings we all helped to make little "Tote Bags" for the Volunteers of America Day Nursery children in Milwaukee. On February 2 a great number of Thetas turned out for our yearly social dance at the Town Club. It was a great success and we're all looking forward to next year.

Founders' Day took place on March 19. We were very pleased indeed to have our Grand Third Vice-President, Mary Forrest Brandriff speak to us on "Fraternity Education." Mary Hamilton Ackerman was our guest.

We were pleased we were able to give financial support to the Lawrence College Theta rooms, and Beloit Theta chapter. Our local project is the Volunteers of America Day Nursery which is a very worthy cause. Our national contribution continues to help the Institute of Logopedics.

We are all looking forward to another wonderful year.

Gloria G. Allison

MINNEAPOLIS

Highlight of the past season for the Minneapolis Alumnae chapter came this summer when our 1956-57 president, Sara Kirkman, was elected district president at the District VIII convention. We're awfully proud of Sara, who led us through a successful year, and we're glad to share her talents and charm with the college chapters in North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska as well as our own Upsilon chapter at the University of Minnesota.

More than 60 Minneapolis Thetas attended a dinner meeting at the home of Adalia Fraser last fall to get the 1956-57 season off to a flying start. A second dinner meeting later in the year at Katie Adams' home proved a similar success, and more supper meetings are planned for this year. The meeting at Katie's also featured a "Talent Sale"; we displayed our wares, auctioning off baked goods and other homemade items, with Imogene Hickey as auctioneer.

Following our December meeting, we adjourned to Ruby Jo Smith's recreation room to sew "coloring" aprons and make cardboard jigsaw puzzles for the Institute of Logopedics. We hope the children have as much fun using them as we had making them!

A joint meeting at the chapter house with the St. Paul and Twin City Junior Alums featured a magazine sales skit, "The Week Before Christmas," written by the Omaha chapter and presented by them at the 1956 Grand Convention. Magazine chairmen Mar-

Boom!

Every time we get ready to expand the magazine a little bit, somebody lowers the boom. Always, it's Old Man Inflation—as it is this time. Hence, the news from clubs which we were just beginning to encourage to come in (with bits and tidbits of their doin's) can't even be printed. No room.

Whoever went around making the expression "time is money" famous should go around again with, "Space is money!"



The tornado which ripped through Nashville last January didn't keep Alpha Etas and Nashville alumnae from celebrating Founders' Day at the Belle Meade Club. Miss Stella Vaughn, founder of Alpha Eta chapter at Vanderbilt University (seated, right), conducted the ceremony. With Miss Vaughn (left to right) are Betty Neill Graham, College District President; Ellen Bowers Hofstead, National Panhellenic Representative and toastmistress; Jane Chadwell Deloney, Alumnae District President; Alice Ingram Holcomb, president of the alumnae chapter; Mary Schlater, president of Alpha Eta, and Nan Hail Callaway, social chairman.

garet Piper, St. Paul, and Janet Cragg, Minneapolis, set a goal of at least one subscription per Theta.

Minneapolis alums donned aprons to provide kitchen help for the active chapter during fall rushing. The happy result of the actives' hard work was 22 wonderful pledges to fill the chapter quota. We also gave a tea following initiation in January. Tea, coffee and K A Θ-decorated cakes were served around the chapter fireplace, and it proved a warm welcome to the 16 new Thetas.

Because of the unpredictability of Minnesota January weather, Founders' Day last year was held April 27 at the Minneapolis Woman's Club. We were hostesses to the actives and the St. Paul and Junior alums. With Mary Earle McKinsey as mistress of ceremonies, three 50-year Thetas were recognized, as were the active pledges and new initiates. Outstanding actives were introduced, among them Greek Week Queen Molly DeLong, Associated Women Students President Ginny Volk, and Bonnie Kirk, outstanding pledge on campus. Outstanding alumnae also were honored, and Twin City Thetas heard from Catherine Knudtson, recently featured in the local newspaper as a Minneapolis "Town Topper," and June Greiner, teacher on the Minneapolis TV program, Romper Room.

Another wonderful year of Theta comradeship—working together and playing together, making new friends and keeping in touch with old friends—came to a close at the May meeting with installation of a slate of officers that promises another happy and active year for Minneapolis Thetas. President Vicky Harlow will have as her officers: Mary Colburn, first vice-president; Nancy Jones, second vice-president; Jean Woodrich, recording secretary; Mary Murphy, corresponding secretary; Imogene Hickey, treasurer;

Joan With, program chairman; Pat Buchholz, fraternity education chairman; Peg Hawkins, press relations chairman; Marcia Roos, editor; and Ruth Huston, magazine chairman.

Marcia Roos

NASHVILLE

As time goes by, we record proudly the projects and entertainments that have gone to make up a happy and prosperous year.

Our alumnae group numbered 243, of which 158 were active. This is gratifying, not only in numbers, but also in their obvious desire to improve the chapter in every way.

At the home of Polly Trammell Murphy, a very enthusiastic group gathered in November for a buffet supper. The actives took quite a prominent part in this delightful entertainment by giving a skit which they had done while rushing for our new chapter at Auburn.

The 87th Founders' Day was a particularly enjoyable occasion, in spite of tornadoes which not only grounded Ann Wright Hart's plane between New York and Nashville, but put out all the lights at the Belle Meade Country Club where we were celebrating. Ellen Bowers Hofstead took Ann's place as toastmistress, and the 150 Thetas present were certainly proud of the manner in which she handled this last minute job. Nan Haile Callaway, banquet chairman, was given a vote of thanks for managing the evening so efficiently.

On March 2, 1957, we came to the highpoint of our very active year. On that day the annual Bal d'Hiver took place, the proceeds of which are divided equally between our two worthy projects—the Institute of Logopedics and the Family and Children's

Remember to hang onto the fall issue of the magazine (maroon) with all the strength you can muster. The full directory won't be printed again until spring.

Service in Nashville. We are very proud of the results this year—in all we made \$2,000—tickets for the dance selling at \$2.50 apiece and contests conducted each on a silver bowl, caddy cart, portable television, and a \$100 gift certificate at each of two leading shops in Nashville.

The Bal was capably managed by Mary Ellen Coverdale Brittain and was held at the Belle Meade Country Club. Carlene Hunt (Alpha Eta of the class of 1956) was crowned queen, and the affair was in all respects delightful and remunerative, thanks largely to Mary Ellen and her capable staff.

Official installation of officers took place on May 15, followed by a most enjoyable luncheon and swimming party at the home of Adelaide Shull Davis. Justine Patterson Rich (Beta Omega) will preside for the coming year, taking the place of Alice Ingram Holcomb, who has very capably led the Nashville Alumnae for the year of 1956.

Other officers installed were: vice-president, Elva Hollins Thomison; corresponding secretary, Beverly Nichols Kardokus; recording secretary, Donia Craig Dickerson and treasurer, Sara Stockell Jacoway.

We always enjoy this meeting because it not only welcomes our new officers, but also gives us a chance to be with the graduating seniors, who are now new alumnae.

Mary Brandon Qualls

NEW ORLEANS

We New Orleans alumnae had another grand year in 1956 and 1957. We began our events, as in the years before, with our annual Pep Meeting at the chapter house. After rush week was completed we met together again at the house to welcome the new pledges with a party immediately following pledging. Our meetings were divided into day and night meeting groups in order to accommodate everyone.

Our outstanding night meeting was the Theta

Tete-a-tete held at Mrs. Jenny Olsen Everett's home. We had a hilarious time practicing the skit which we presented at the annual Founders' Day banquet in February. Aand speaking of the banquet—it was a night to remember too! Adele Drouet acted as toastmistress and very ably paid tribute to Mrs. Fred C. Taylor (né Nancy Pusey), who was celebrating her Kappa Alpha Theta Golden Anniversary. The banquet's decorating committee deserves a word of credit for the outstanding black and gold decorations—gold candles entwined with black and gold ivy, which trailed down the centers of each table.

Another outstanding event of the year was our Christmas Coffee, held once again in the lovely home of Peggy Lou Gash Mathes. In the spring Catherine Bone Dyer was hostess for a coffee party given in honor of Alpha Phi's seniors. And then in May Dolores Brisbe Treen hosted our annual Baby Party, which was a success as always. Adrienne Farrell Kepper completed her two year term of office as alumnae president and was succeeded by Dawn Higgins Murphy. Dawn also represented us at District Convention and came home with glowing reports and full of ideas.

During the year we gave several luncheons for the active chapter at the chapter house, and many of us gave much of our time to making these luncheons a success. We might add that we were well rewarded by the girls' appreciation of our efforts. All in all, we New Orleans Alumnae feel that we've had a most enjoyable and successful year.

Elleonora Perrilleat McWilliams

NEW YORK

Fall brings with its golden leaves and 'mums a re-gathering of the Thetas in the big city. The first gathering is always a chatter of "hi's" and happy smiling faces. Mixed together are the "old gang" that hasn't been in touch since last spring and the

In New Orleans, receiving a plaque representing 50 years' membership in Kappa Alpha Theta is Mrs. Fred C. Taylor (né Nancy Pusey, Goucher College, Alpha Delta Chapter). She celebrated her golden anniversary in Kappa Alpha Theta at the Founders' Day Banquet which was held on February 6, 1957 at the New Orleans Country Club. Adele Drouet (left), professor of French at Newcomb College, was toastmistress for the evening and presented the award to Mrs. Taylor whose Theta daughters, Mary Virginia Taylor Gillentine (left) and Jane Taylor Farnsworth, were present to share in the tribute paid to their mother.



bright new faces that arrived in summer. All soon blend to a fun-loving, happy group.

There is often a little reflection on the past year's activities. Let's see—remember the coffee at the Women's University Club when Charlotte Klein inspired us all to sew our own clothes? And what better inspiration than the Fabric Editor of *Vogue* magazine? Then there was the happy Christmas party at Janet Harper's apartment. Though we called it a party, it certainly proved to be a cheery opportunity to do something for the Institute of Logopedics. For while we were captive within four walls the hostess had us make bright new word cards that are used for instruction. (And to add to our pleasure the chapter later sent a check of \$150 to the Institute.) Then there was the Founders' Day tea which is always a beautiful renewal of the spirit of Thetahood.

As the year moved into spring March brought the musical evening at the home of Mrs. Roscoe Hupper. Later on as the daffodils yellowed Betty Lambert took us on a fare free African safari via colored slides. And wasn't her snap of the lion a dramatic finale?

But that is all behind. A new year lies ahead. And the activities piloted by the president Sally White have a shiny program planned. Soon we will have a visit from the District President Dottie French to bring us up to date on Theta doings. Not long after that Thetas will be busy baking all kinds of cakes, cookies, and various goodies for the Bake and Gift Sale. No one will be allowed to attend the gathering unless they have something to sell. And you guessed it, the bank roll will go to the Institute of Logopedics. January marks the Founders' Day tea and on into spring there will be coffees and even a cocktail party. In between gatherings Thetas may meet for lunch or young mothers will trade baby sitting schedules while each other shops. Or there may be a bridge party gathering here and there. Somehow the chapter identifies itself in the bustle of the large city, and all enjoy its good company.

Jill Faust

OKLAHOMA CITY

Oklahoma City Alumnae chapter is happy to report a successful year in 1956 and 1957 in service and financial achievement. We welcomed 207 dues-paying members who represented 28 college chapters.

Our principal fund raising activity was a style show and tea given March 15, 1957 at the Lakeview Country Club. Twelve Thetas modeled the clothes from a leading local shop. Frances Brooks Hixon was Project Chairman.

Besides our gifts to the Institute of Logopedics and the Friendship Fund, we built our potential \$1,000 gift to the Beta Zeta Building Fund by \$750 out of our project. We gave \$1,000 last year to Alpha Omicron Building Fund and plan to give an equal amount to Beta Zeta.

Added interest in the Style Show was created by the awarding of two beautiful door prizes. One was a white ermine ascot and the other a natural brown ermine collar.

Our service to the community included volunteer aides one day a month at Children's Convalescent

Hospital and help on the Easter Seal sale. The Alumnae chapter also gave occupational therapy equipment to the hospital.

Our Junior activities group showed wonderful enthusiasm in additional projects. This is a division of younger Thetas who meet together in a smaller group and besides having many activities it provides an easier way for new young Thetas to get acquainted and enjoy worthwhile service. This group is not a separate organization but an active group within the larger Alumnae chapter.

Their projects included decorating Christmas boxes for Children's Convalescent Hospital, Valentine table center decorations for Sunbeam Home, Easter egg baskets and hunt at Sunbeam Home and Fourth of July window decorations at Crippled Children's Hospital.

We are very proud of our Junior members and feel they have contributed immeasurably to our local prestige through service and maintaining interest for new young Thetas in Oklahoma City Alumnae chapter.

Bette Black Keitz

OMAHA

The Omaha Alumnae chapter has had an eventful and successful year. Under the direction of our Ways and Means Chairman, Dorothy Gregg Musselman (Rho), we have completed many projects. One of our first undertakings in the fall was our annual rummage sale headed by Rosemary Trueblood McDonald (Beta Omega). This was met with the usual enthusiasm.

Proceeds from our projects and our continued sales of "Theta Tales of Cooking" sparked by Janice Labrie Fargo (Alpha Rho) and Sue Cartwright Graham (Beta Omega) totaled over \$875. We gave \$300 to the Institute of Logopedics, \$100 to the Omaha Hearing School, \$250 to the Rho Chapter House Fund, and \$25 to the United Community Services. To the Scholarship Fund, established at the University of Nebraska in honor of Minna Latta Ladd and Gertrude Laws Hardy, charter members of Rho Chapter, we presented \$200. At Christmas donations were given to the Children's Ward at the University of Nebraska Hospital. Nine silver serving spoons and one dozen salt and pepper shakers were bought for the Rho chapter house.

Community service included volunteer workers for our local philanthropy, the Omaha Hearing School. Pauline Snoke Jackson (Beta) was in charge of the Thetas who worked one day each week at the school doing office work and helping teach the children. At the Children's Hospital Bazaar a booth was staffed under the direction of Barbara Burdic Barchus (Rho). Our newest service project will be to provide volunteers for work at the University of Nebraska Hospital.

Outstanding programs this past year included an interesting talk by Mrs. Robert Fraser, a French war bride aboard the *Ille de France*, concerning the sinking of the *Andrea Dorea* and the Suez Canal situation. Dr. Elmer Freed of Dundee Presbyterian Church gave us an inspirational Christmas message. In January Virginia Chain Schmid (Rho) gave an excellent review of the new book, *We Who Wear Kites*.

Four of the Thetas in charge of the Oklahoma City style show were, left to right: Susie Barr Wolf, Louise Green Paschal, Sue Smith and Pat Antrim Hill.



Founders' Day was observed at our February meeting and the new officers were announced. They are: President and District Convention Delegate, Jane Van Sickle Clemons (Rho); Vice-President, Dorothy Gregg Musselman (Rho); Secretary, Sue Cartwright Graham (Beta Omega); Treasurer, Lucille Hosman Duffin (Rho) and Editor, Barbara Lucas Lewis (Rho).

In April we were the guests of the Lincoln, Nebraska Alumnae and many of us attended the 70th Anniversary Founders' Day Initiation banquet for Rho chapter. We entertained all the Omaha actives at a brunch during the Christmas holidays. They again joined us in June for our picnic. A closer relationship has been established between Rho chapter and the Omaha alums by means of a newsletter sent every month telling us of chapter events and activities.

Husbands took the spotlight in May when we had a dinner dance at the Field Club. Margaret Knapple Thomas (Rho) was chairman for the party which was so tremendous we hope to make it traditional. Appreciation for their service to Theta was given to several husbands by presenting them certificates as "Ornery Members of the Men's Auxiliary."

Rushing this September was a big success due to the establishing of a Rush Recommendation Board this summer.

Omaha Thetas are now busy as bees looking everywhere for things to make for our Bazaar which we hope to have next fall. Joan Noble Berkshire (Rho), Chairman, has divided the group into workshops which began this summer. Many true Theta friendships have resulted from this fun of working and getting together in smaller groups.

With these workshops for the Bazaar and our rummage sale October 22-29 headed by Mary Kay Paige McPhee (Kappa), we begin another year of service to Omaha and to Theta.

Barbara Lucas Lewis

PASADENA

Service was the keynote of the 1956-1957 season for the Pasadena Alumnae chapter and the ensuing success produced an inspiration for further achievements. Foremost on the list of accomplishments was

the highly successful benefit luncheon given by the Southern California Federation. Pasadena was indeed proud of Rose Nelson Harrington (Alpha Mu, Eta) who was chairman of this glamorous affair, held in February, in the Grand Ballroom of the Beverly Hilton Hotel with the only open showing of Irene's Fashions in Southern California. Nine hundred guests attended the luncheon and one of our members, Kay Boothby Reed (Alpha Chi) was the lucky recipient of the suit donated by Irene as a special door prize. Pasadena Thetas among the committee chairmen for the benefit were Bobby Burris Plumer (Beta Xi) Patronesses, Ann Jarvis Longyear (Omicron) Program, Jean Rutherford Talman (Eta) Press, and Betty Hughes Briggs (Omicron) was our charming Mistress of Ceremonies. Contributions made to our philanthropies as a result of our successful benefit were: \$100 to the Institute of Logopedics (bringing Pasadena's total to over \$4,000), \$736 to Five Acres (a Los Angeles county institution and Community Chest agency for emotionally disturbed children from the ages of 6 to 14 years), and \$100 to the Loan and Fellowship Fund. Also a substantial donation was made to the U.S.C. Building Fund and to the U.C.L.A., Santa Barbara and San Diego chapters.

Under the guidance of President Mary Heineman Pauly (Beta Xi) and Janet Cavanagh Slininger (Beta Kappa) our meetings throughout the year were varied and stimulating. The November meeting was held at the U.S.C. Chapter House which afforded the Alumnae an opportunity to tour this beautiful new house. The December meeting was held at Five Acres, our local philanthropy, in the cottage for little girls which we support. Bobby Burris Plumer (Beta Xi) did the decorating and the cottage looked like a bower of Christmas. The Junior Group joined us in celebrating Founders' Day with a tea at the lovely San Marino home of Margaret Chase Godfrey (Omicron). Junior president Jean Fergus Brackman (Kappa) joined our president Mary Heineman Pauly (Beta Xi) as co-hostess. April 5 was the red letter date for the annual "Men's Night," our celebrated cocktail and supper party, just for fun, this year held at the beautiful home of Gwen Laurie MacDonald Smits (Beta Xi). In May the Juniors and Seniors gathered

at the home of Eleanor Cooke Esterly (Alpha Upsilon) for the Mother-Daughter tea, for daughters approaching the college age, and the season closed with a box lunch and tour of the Descanso Gardens, with all its roses in bloom, in La Canada.

The Junior Thetas are an active, enthusiastic group who work very closely with the Senior Chapter. President Jean Fergus Brackman (Kappa) attended our Board meetings and took over the tremendous job of Rushing Chairman. They also supported the Federation benefit in addition to holding their annual Talent Sale in the home of Irene Combe Miller (Omicron) in November. At this event they auction an amazing collection of beautiful things made by the girls themselves and this season were able to donate \$500 to Five Acres, our local philanthropy.

Locally our members are very active, Margaret Reid Noble (Alpha Rho) our Panhellenic representative was social chairman for Panhellenic. Sally Love Banks Bickle (Alpha Mu) and Mary Heineman Pauly (Beta Xi) are ardent workers for the Loan and Fellowship Fund and we have two members on the U.S.C. (Omicron) Advisory Board: Betty Hughes Briggs (Omicron) and Alice Kurtz Patty (Alpha Mu). Each year at initiation at Beta Xi and Omicron, the Pasadena Chapter gives a jeweled pin to the initiate with the highest scholarship. And to finish with a flourish, at the close of the season this year our own Mary Heineman Pauly (Beta Xi) was named Alumnae District President.

Jean Rutherford Talman

PITTSBURGH

The executive board of the Pittsburgh Alumnae chapter started our year off with a delightful *smorgasbord* at the Alpha Omega chapter house on the "Pitt" campus. This party is always fun, and of course gives us a chance to get reacquainted with city-wide friends we have not seen all summer, and the plans for the year get under way.



Pasadena was well represented at the district convention in Carmel last June with (left to right): Betty Hughes Briggs (Omicron), president of the alumnae chapter; Mary Heineman Pauly (Beta Xi), ADP for District VII; Helen Parker Record (Phi); Rose Nelson Harrington (Alpha Mu and Eta), president of the Southern California Federation; Jean Fergus Brackman (Kappa), Pasadena rush chairman, and Shirley Woodland Botsford (Beta Xi), president of the Pasadena Juniors.

The benefit "telephone-bridge" parties in October were a big success, enabling us to send a worthwhile donation to our national philanthropy.

In December we had our annual Christmas Fireside Supper. The chapter house was beautifully decorated by the active members of Alpha Omega chapter. After a delicious supper a very interesting Christmas program was enjoyed.

Founders' Day was again one of the highlights of the season with luncheon at the Penn-Sheraton Hotel. The program was put on by both alumnae and actives, and was very enjoyable. At this meeting we had three fifty-year awards to make. They went to Caroline Atkinson Alford—Alpha Beta; Lottie Hammet—Mu; and Grace Miller—Mu. We are proud of our fifty year Thetas!

Come spring and new clothes and such, and our efforts turned to our annual Benefit Bridge-Fashion Show, put on for the benefit of our local charity, the Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children. Not only is it the social highlight of our year but it enabled us to give nine hundred dollars to the school! It was held in beautiful Gateway Plaza in the heart of the Golden Triangle. We acknowledge Mrs. Jack Wade as the very able chairman of this most successful affair.

Our biennial election of officers was held in April. In May we had a lovely picnic at the home of Mrs. Edgar D. McKean, Jr. At this meeting our new officers were installed. Mrs. William B. Blackburn is our new president—she will be assisted by Mrs. Jack Wade as vice-president.

We are looking forward to another busy, happy and successful year under their leadership.

Dorothy Embshoff Rome

PORTLAND

Last fall the Portland chapter divided into four districts. The individual districts met for five meet-

ings of the year; all districts met together for the other four meetings. These district meetings proved successful here in Portland with meetings taking place at morning coffees, afternoon desserts, and evening barbecues.

Our largest fund raising event was new to both this alumnae chapter and to the city of Portland. We held a Flaming Festival in November, at which we had table settings, mantel arrangements, party themes, and ideas for the seasonal use of candles. All candles were lighted during the festival presenting a beautiful sight. We sold duplicates of any of the candles shown. It was successfully received and we netted \$323.19.

On the second Friday in December, we met our husbands after work and went to the Tired Shopper's dance at the Multnomah Hotel. Dancing was from five o'clock to nine o'clock. We sold our full complement of tickets and had a very good time while earning \$280.80 for our treasury.

We again sponsored Theta Christmas cards at our meeting in the fall to earn \$123.65 for the Institute of Logopedics. What a nice way to say Merry Christmas.

The Tucker-Maxon Oral School is located here in Portland. The school's work is similar to that of the Institute of Logopedics in Kansas. Since it does so much for the speech handicapped child here, we gave them a check for \$450 to further their good work. The money will give some child in need of their therapy a full scholarship to attend the school.

Early this summer the younger alumnae held a swimming party for the girls newly out of college who have settled in Portland. This party gave the recent graduates a chance to get acquainted and an open invitation to come to alumnae meetings in the fall.

All in all, we have enjoyed a pleasant and successful year working together in our alumnae group.

Margaret Krebs Brockway

RENO

Reno Alumnae chapter was congratulated at the 1957 convention of Districts VII and IX for being the chapter that had made the greatest improvement in the two year period. We appreciated the encouragement because we are sincerely working toward a very tangible goal—expansion of the decidedly inadequate Beta Mu chapter house.

Our spotlight is on our House Corporation Board, whose current project is to burn the old mortgage, and undertake a desperately needed addition and remodeling program. Evidence of the Board's support was shown during the summer, when all available Thetas volunteered for "work crews" at the house, to save the expense of general cleaning, painting, and minor repairs. Also, many alumnae are sending unpaid pledges and contributions.

Reorganization of the Reno Alumnae chapter started in 1956, when a letter outlining plights and plans was sent to all members. A questionnaire was included for each one to express her interests, intentions, and suggestions. The report of the Grand Convention at Banff was made in letter-form to each alumna, and a handbook issued, listing officers, committees, program,

Holiday Time



It's time again for the holiday teas and open houses that dot the country at this time of year. Gwen Clark (left) of TCU and Doris Callaway West of the Fort Worth alumnae chapter do the honors in festive fashion at the home of Lois Benton Harvey.

and all known Thetas in the area. It has been necessary to have an up-to-date handbook printed this year, and we are elaborating on programs and policies which proved most successful. Enclosed with the letter and questionnaire this year was a statement for dues and a stamped, addressed return envelope.

Nevada was well represented at the District Convention at Carmel last June by the presidents of the Alumnae chapter, House Corporation Board, Beta Mu chapter, and the Chairman of the Advisory Board, and also attending was Kathryn Bell, an active alumna, who was a member of the same Beta Mu pledge class as our admired new ADP, Sallie Fagan Gould. There were five college chapter members to receive the coveted Phi tray.

Our September meeting was a coffee hour at the lovely ranch home of Cornelia Arentz Rhodes, and finishing touches were done on arrangements for our most fashionable October luncheon-fashion show.

Pledges are guests at our October meeting, and an alumna sponsor for each one is named. This innovation proves that we, too, are interested in the new girls.

Deane Cafferata made arrangements for the Homecoming luncheon at the chapter house, one affair which is also attended by alumnae who live in communities too remote for regular meeting attendance.

The charming hostess for our Guest Night is Eva Adams, whom we proudly share part of the year with the Washington, D.C. Alumnae chapter. We hope to

justify our time spent at telephones and meetings to our husbands and escorts by entertaining them at a cocktail-buffet party in January. It will be at Dorothy Phillips Benson's new home.

Our Founders' Day Luncheon promises to be a special occasion, as we expect our ADP, Sallie Gould, to visit us officially at that time.

The year will come to a climax again with a Senior Breakfast in May. As mothers and special guests are included, a modified ritual has been worked out to initiate each graduating senior into the Alumnae chapter, and she is presented with a year's gold and black membership card.

Following the death of our beloved Housemother, Dita Duke, in October 1956, a memorial fund was established, with Lois Noviaek Boudwin as trustee. The steadily growing savings will be used to add something to the proposed new construction that will be a real tribute to one of our most respected friends. Just what it will be is dependent, of course, on the amount in the Dita Duke Memorial Fund when building is started.

Janet Hunter

ROCKFORD

The first year of our transition from an Alumnae club to an Alumnae chapter included two highlights: installation and Founders' Day. At a dinner meeting at the home of Mrs. Raymond Schmitz (Elizabeth Stuckey, Psi) Mrs. Tusten Ackerman, our District President conducted the formal installation service. January 21 we joined Gamma Lambda chapter at the Theta House in Beloit for Founders' Day. Mrs. Edward Smith (Diann DeWeese) of Chicago, the founder of the chapter, was a guest and we all had a delightful time sharing with the actives and pledges our experiences of ten years ago when Rockford Alumnae club (the nearest organized Theta group) and Diann (a transfer from Butler University em-

barked upon the challenging and gratifying experience of colonizing. Our members are still well represented on the Advisory Board and Corporation of Gamma Lambda holding key positions of each.

Our annual December dessert-bazaar was as usual held at the home of Mrs. Honore Hubbard (Marjorie Davis, Kappa). We raised among our own members, our share of the Panhellenic Scholarship for a student at Rockford Woman's College and the revenue from which we participate in the Illinois State Project for Crippled Children, and the Institute of Logopedics. Our interest in the Panhellenic Scholarship is of long duration, because it was at the suggestion of our Thetas, Dr. Abbie Findlay Potts and Dr. Frances Johnson who were on the faculty at Rockford College, that the Scholarship was originally established.

Our April meeting was in honor of the Gamma Lambda seniors, a dessert meeting at the home of Mrs. Norris K. Levis (Gertrude Collins, Psi). Previous to this year each Greek group in Rockford held a rush party. Following the wishes of National Panhellenic this year Rockford Panhellenic held a rush party in May and all individual parties were eliminated. In order to give the actives an opportunity to help in the selection of our recommendations we had a picnic with them in June and at this time held a "hash session" conducted by the Chairman of our Rush Recommendation Board, Mrs. Howard Nelson (Alice Needham, Gamma Lambda). Mrs. Nelson and her committee followed the decisions of this meeting of alumnae and actives.

At our District Convention held at Psi chapter house in Madison, Wisconsin, in June Rockford Alumnae chapter was represented by our president, Mrs. Jerry Eklund (Lucy Goetz, Purdue) as delegate.

We have a memorial fund, in memory of Mrs. Palmer Overbye (Beatrice Church) which might interest other Alumnae groups. Instead of sending flowers or gifts at the time of illness, death, marriage or birth Mrs. Clarence Boswell (Ruth Ward, Tau) who is in charge of the fund writes a note and an amount



Kay Brennan Reimer (center) chairman of the annual Reno Fashion Show, reviews high fashion with model Diane Kane Foster (left) and Gay Brennan. Profits from the event will go to the Institute of Logopedics and Eagle Valley, Nevada, Children's Foundation.

which would have been spent is put into the fund. From this fund we have helped three different girls in Gamma Lambda with a gift of money and also on occasions have added to our philanthropic gifts.

To any of our readers who may move into the Rockford area we extend a cordial invitation to contact Mrs. John Weiss, 715 Reynolds St., phone 5-8200, and join us at our monthly meetings usually held the fourth Monday of each month.

Gertrude C. Lewis

SACRAMENTO VALLEY

Before opening the active season of 1956-57, a board meeting was held in the home of the president, Louise Auger Scurfield. Discussion of the year's program was the main reason for this meeting. A dinner dance for members and their guests was proposed. Plans were made to bring the subject before the membership at the first general meeting and present as many details as possible.

On the last Saturday in September the Thetas met at a luncheon meeting in the home of Shirley Scott Gianelli. A delightful sunny afternoon brought out an unusually large group including many recent college graduates whom we are always happy to see.

After old business was dispensed with the topic of the dance was presented to the members and was well received. JoAnn Cardwell Delaney was named chairman of the event to be assisted by Betty Woodhead Wade, Marsha Blase Guetling, Barbara Hebert Leach, Carol Tingley Sconyers, Kathleen McDougall, Ida King and Barbara Murphy.

During our next monthly meeting, held in the home of Barbara Hebert Leach, final plans for the dance were formulated. January 12, 1957, and the University Club were selected as the time and place for what we hoped would be a gala affair.

Our November meeting in Jean Higgins Bonney's home with Mary Nees Bremner, Annis Steinley Mather, Marsha Blase Guetling and Anita Hincelot Maffley, serving as co-hostesses, was to be our last meeting of 1956. It was decided that the annual Christmas party would not be held because of the dance planned for the following month.

On the evening of January 12, the Thetas and their guests turned out for the social event we had planned for all season. It was even more of a success than we had anticipated. We had expected to end the evening at 12:00 A.M. but absolutely everyone was enjoying themselves so much that Mr. Joseph Sertich, husband of Esther Scott Sertich, acting on behalf of the entire group, persuaded the orchestra to play for another two hours. A local department store was kind enough to let us borrow some winter "props" and decorations which gave the club a very professional look and aided tremendously in creating a delightful atmosphere.

The Founders' Day luncheon and program was once again held at the Del Paso Country Club. Antonia Hyatt and Grace Rossiter Burch lit the candles and Phyllis Hyatt Gardner presented a commentary on the book *We Who Wear Kites*.

Our annual rummage sale was next on our calendar.



Jean Fulstone Carfee and her husband stop to chat with Dorothy Hurley White and her husband at the Sacramento Valley dinner dance.

This year our profit was larger than in preceding years.

The evening meeting in March which was hosted by Carol Tingley Sconyers was the meeting for reports. A full report of the dinner dance was given and plans were formulated at once to make it an annual event. The encouraging news about our successful rummage sale stimulated all of us to work even more diligently on this project.

Our final spring meeting was held in the home of Annis Steinley Mather. Many thanks were given by Louise to her officers and the members for their assistance in making the year both enjoyable and progressive.

On August 24, the annual swimming and barbecue party was held in the home of Esther Scott Sertich. Each year Esther and her husband, Joe, open their doors and welcome us into their home for this much anticipated event. We fully appreciate their cooperation and also their unlimited kindness in doing this annually for all the Thetas and their escorts. Each year we seem to have a bigger turn-out. This party served as a wonderful means of reuniting members who had spent the summer in various parts of the State and reminded us all that another busy year of activities was just around the corner.

JoAnn Cardwell Delaney

ST. LOUIS

The St. Louis alumnae chapter had an exciting and successful 1956-1957 year under the capable direction of our president, Virginia Cook Leutwiler. Amid pumpkins, apples, and applesauce, our annual Theta Talent Sale took place in October. Using a Farmer's Market as our theme, we were surrounded by lovely autumn leaves and flowers, plus a plentiful supply of fresh vegetables. Our decoration chairman, Anne Perrine Bauer, had transported us into the country for the day and what an exciting day it was! Antiques were featured for the first time, along with jars of homemade preserves, and a large variety of hand-

made articles. At the end of the day, we were proud to learn that sales totaled slightly over three thousand dollars, making this our most successful Talent Sale. A check for two thousand dollars was sent to the Institute of Logopedics and, as we have taken a financial interest in local organizations for the past two years, the remaining money was donated to the Council for Girl Scouts of Greater St. Louis.

We enjoyed, throughout the year, many varied and interesting meetings and we were especially proud that two Thetas and one Theta mother were featured as our special guests at three of our meetings. Alice Strauch Meyer presented a program of popular songs at our October meeting, followed by a very interesting talk on decorating by Helena Neff Givens in February. May was highlighted by our Theta mother, Eloise Fraser Mikkelsen, who spoke on the subject of "Your Portrait." We were also happy to repeat our husband and guest night, which featured a talk by Mrs. T. M. Sayman, adding greatly to the success of the year.

March 16, brought us all happily together again, as this was the day of our Founders' Day luncheon. Always a highlight of our activities, this year was no exception as it was held at lovely Le Chateau. Beautifully decorated in green, white, and gold, and carrying out the theme of Spring 1957, each table had centerpieces of gold lace fans surrounded by lovely birds and flowers. Silk screened invitations greeted each of us at our tables, beautifully done in green and gold. After a delicious lunch and wonderful singing by our active chapter, we were treated to a hilarious skit by six of our members. Donning 1920 evening clothes and hair styles, they entertained us with songs and dances as they were done in olden days of rushing. Everyone had a wonderful time and the afternoon passed much too quickly.

As our year drew to a close, we had a very interesting report by Dorothy Jones Kleitsch, chairman of our Rush Recommendation Board. We were very happy to hear of the concrete results that have taken place since this board began seven years ago. We also enjoyed the lovely tea, given by this group, enabling pledges, actives, and alumnae to meet one another. All in all, we are very proud of the fine job being done by our fourteen members who have devoted so much time and work in making our Rush Recommendation Board so successful.

As we put away our woolens and tried on last year's cottons, we were very happy with the wonderful year behind us. Now we are looking forward to another busy and gratifying year to come, under the able leadership of our new president, Norma Bates Spencer. We are also extremely proud of Elizabeth Munger Towne who was elected Alumnae District President, at the Convention of District Thirteen in Des Moines.

Marilyn Miller Zufin

ST. PAUL

Marching right along with the home magazine's slogan, "56 is the Year to Fix," St. Paul alumnae began our 1956-57 year in September at Mary Meisnest Reedy's (Alpha Lambda) most interesting suburban contemporary home, followed by a meeting in October at Kit Carson Roth's (Upsilon) exquisitely remodeled town house. Loved 'em both and all the other lovely homes, too, in which this "house minded" group meets. Early in the fall, we met in joint meeting with our sister alumnae chapters, Minneapolis and the Twin City Juniors, at the college chapter house, as is our custom.

December meeting was a gay one. Our traditional philanthropic presents, all festively wrapped, were given this year to the residents of the Ramsey County Home. Program for the evening was the viewing of our hostess' Helen LaShelle Gardner (Beta Kappa) color slides of her 1956 world tour. Most of us will never see the Far East or the fabulous 9,000 square mile Kruger National Park in South Africa where the Gardner family had a nodding acquaintance with lions and other big game, but Helen's excellent photography and charming patter educated as well as entertained us.

Our money raising caper for this year was a "White Elephant Drawing," an interesting variation on the customary sale in which the element of mystery is added. The "elephants" were beautifully wrapped, everyone had fun, and money was made. Proceeds went toward maintenance of the chapter house, a project always dear to our hearts.

The Minneapolis chapter was hostess to St. Paul and Twin City Juniors at a delightful Founders' Day luncheon at Minneapolis Woman's Club on April 27. Four 50 year Thetas were present and received golden certificates. June Eide Greiner (Alpha Mu) spoke entertainingly of her experiences as "Miss June" on TV's *Romper Room* during the past three years.

Last regular meeting of the year was at State Chairman Clara MacKenzie Bierman's (Upsilon) with 36 members present—maybe a record for the May meeting in our small group.

Last real meeting of the year was an unscheduled, suddenly assembled picnic at White Bear Lake to see our beloved Katherine Birch Spear (Upsilon) before she moved to St. Petersburg, Florida. It was a pleasant but nostalgic afternoon. We aren't a bit happy to lose Kay with her charm, talent and humor, but we wish her all the best in her new home.

Our contributions this past year included sending an afghan to the Institute of Logopedics, a gift made possible through the generosity of our president for the past two years, Josephine Hamblin Keller (Alpha Gamma); \$50 to the Institute; \$150 to the chapter house and \$10 to Messiah Episcopal Church for the Edna Haar Ashby (Beta Kappa) Memorial Fund.

There weren't enough Founders' Day notices sent in to make the list worth printing, for it didn't give a true index to the many celebrations held by Thetas throughout the country in honor of our Founders. If it isn't a complete picture, why print it?

New officers for the coming year were installed at the March meeting as follows: President, Mary Meisnest Reedy (Alpha Lambda); Vice-President, Geraldine McMeekin Given (Upsilon); Treasurer, Helen Bean Carpenter (Beta Iota); Recording Secretary, Mary Lou Randall Reader (Upsilon); Corresponding Secretary, Margaret Poore McMahon (Upsilon). Committee chairmen were named as follows: Panhellenic Chairman, Mary Dunlap Turnbull (Beta Tau); Editor, Helen LaShelle Gardner (Beta Kappa); Magazine Chairman, Janet Paulsrud deLambert (Upsilon); Fraternity Education, Marjorie Boesch Merrick (Psi); Philanthropy, Jane Williams Verhey (Beta Rho).

Mary Lou Randall Reader

SAN DIEGO

1955-56 was a busy, profitable year for San Diego Alumnae chapter in which a dream came true. At the September meeting in which we traditionally welcome new members our able president, Patty Poe Cooper Kable (Omega), challenged us to a year of fun and hard work and Virginia Noon Wilson (Gamma Sigma) inspired us with her convention report.

Under the dedicated leadership of Mary Parks Phillips (Beta Gamma), Gamma Sigma House Corporation president, and her board composed of Catherine Fletcher Taylor (Omega), Vera Barnard Brewer (Alpha Sigma), Virginia Noon Wilson, Ethel Sharp Peterson (Gamma Sigma), Pauline Edwards Delaney (Alpha Lambda and Iota) and Nancy Williams McNary (Gamma Sigma), a plan was made, a triplex house for sale near the campus discovered, a complete canvass of alumnae in San Diego County and Gamma Sigma alumnae elsewhere conducted, sufficient money raised and by April our dream of a house for Gamma Sigma was a reality. During the

summer the girls moved in, a patio and fence were built and the house was ready for ten girls and the housemother to live in by September.

With a house in the offing, our annual fall fashion show benefit took on new significance. "Autumn a la Mode" under the chairmanship of Virginia Champ (Gamma Sigma) was held October 4. It was fun and it was financially successful for our philanthropies—Institute of Logopedics, Donald M. Sharpe Memorial Hospital (our local philanthropy) and the Gamma Sigma House Corporation.

In December we dined and danced at a gala Christmas party held in the Admiral Kidd Officers' Club. A true holiday mood prevailed.

In January the Founders' Day banquet, chairmanned by Mackie MacDonald Thompson (Gamma) was held on January 27 in the House of Hospitality. Gamma Sigma members were our guests. The ritual was so impressive and renewed our bonds in Theta sisterhood. The speaker was the Dean of Women from San Diego State College, Mrs. J. C. Warmer. The pledges rejoined us after the ritual to sing Theta songs.

New officers were installed in March. They are Ginger Champ, president; Katie Thomas Langille (Omicron), vice-president; Louise Seeburger Dyer (Beta Omicron), recording secretary; Taiche Willoughby Kantner (Gamma Sigma), corresponding secretary; Mary Maddox Taylor (Gamma Sigma), treasurer; Pauline Edwards Delaney, auditor; Francie Wilson Dowe (Gamma Sigma), Panhellenic delegate; Myrtle Baldrige Simons (Kappa), Panhellenic alternate; Patty Poe Cooper Kable, Rosa Parsons (Alpha Eta) and Carol Coffin Craig (Alpha Gamma), directors; Dorothy Toulon Smith (Beta Lambda), parliamentarian; Mackie MacDonald Thompson, archivist; and Mary Edith Tuttle Lane (Gamma Sigma),

Tribute was paid to a former Grand President, Ednah Wickson Kelly, by a program "This Is Your Life" written for Santa Barbara's Founders' Day last year.

Standing, left to right, are: Mmes. Frank P. Leckie, Gilbert R. Loustalot and Paul A. Jones. Ednah Wickson Kelly is seated on the arm of the chair with Lou Whipple McCrea, sister of Marion Whipple Garretson (also a former Grand President).



member-at-large.

In April we joined the Gamma Sigmas at their scholarship dinner in Scripps Cottage on the San Diego State College campus. Awards from both the San Diego Alumnae chapter and La Jolla Alumnae club were presented.

Our May meeting honored the graduating seniors of Gamma Sigma. An explanation of alumnae activities and a clever humorous skit written by Eleanor Dixon Keller (Beta Xi) were presented. We're hoping our theatrical endeavors persuaded these lovely girls to join us next year.

The final meeting of the year was a delightful swimming and luncheon party at the home of Janet Dodds Rust (Lambda). Amid fond good-byes, we also looked forward to another successful year.

Louise Seeburger Dyer

SAN JOSE

The outstanding event this year was our Founders' Day luncheon at the DeAnza Hotel, given with the Palo Alto alumnae. Pat Peterson, chairman, deserves congratulations for an excellent job. It was wonderful to see our old friends again, and to renew the Theta bond.

The Christmas season was celebrated with two parties. One was given for members and their husbands at Chez Yvonne's and another given with the active Gamma Xi chapter to whom a huge scrapbook was presented.

Next came our successful rummage sale, headed by Carol Nagengast and our May meeting with the graduating seniors, which was given at the home of Helen Wilson. We welcomed Patricia Richards, Virginia Breslin, Sally Farris, Sally Sorenson, Carol Schlenker, Muriel Breanham, Betsy Neate, Mary K. Lehr and Joan Zilliox into our alumnae group.

We enjoyed being co-hostesses with the Fresno Alumnae for the Wednesday luncheon of our district convention, which was held at Highlands Inn in Carmel.

We completed the year of activity with our barbecue. This is another event at which our husbands are included. Betty Fridge was the capable chairman and a good time was had by all.

The officers for this year are: president, Mrs. Gerald (LaVerne) Schmidt; vice-president, Mrs. George (Ruth) Gromeeko; recording secretary, Mrs. C. G. (Nancy) Rundle; corresponding secretary, Mrs. H. W. (Carolyn) Hansen; treasurer, Mrs. V. N. (India) Lundy; editor, Mrs. Ralph (Kathryn) Condon, and Panhellenic delegates: Mrs. Kenneth (Jean) Hartman and Mrs. Russel (Connie) Johnson.

Carolyn Hansen

SEATTLE

Though the traditional "rushing season" was over in September, Seattle, Washington Alumnae chapter members continued rushing the entire year . . . from one successful activity to another, that is!

Meeting the new pledges personally at our central meeting in October and seeing their fresh young

enthusiasm, everyone was inspired to double their efforts to make it an impressive year.

The usually dreary fall months sparkled with feverish activity as the Neighborhood Groups sponsored lunches, brunches and pre-holiday parties to raise funds for the chapter treasury.

January's weather was "most unusual," with drifts of snow everywhere, but even that didn't daunt the throngs of loyal Thetas who donned ski-boots and tucked their high-heels under their arms to keep that all important Founders' Day luncheon date! We felt most fortunate in having *Hazel Beil*, Grand First Vice-President, as our honored guest. (Daughter Sally is an Alpha Lambda.)

February was the month in which we added pounds (flesh) to ourselves, and pounds (sterling) to the treasury. For there was both a luncheon and a dinner scheduled to delight the gourmets.

Dear aulde St. Patrick had to take a back seat during the month o' March, for all Theta groups combined their talents to sponsor our first gala Charity Ball. This formal dinner dance was truly the most glamorous affair to be held in many a year. Refreshments, a full-course dinner and dancing to a popular orchestra were all included for a very modest sum. Needless to say, tickets were sold out, and our evening of fun netted new funds to continue our project of teaching creative arts to handicapped children.

Spring was appropriately celebrated with a Coffee Hour featuring lovely flower arrangements, which, after much admiration, were given as door prizes to the holders of the lucky tickets. Installation of an exceptionally fine group of officers was held in May, with *Alta Marie King McClelland* heading the list as President, her "just deserts" for doing such a remarkable job as co-chairman (with Betty Bloxom Crockett) of our Charity Ball!

Things were only beginning to hum as the so-called vacation period arrived, for this year our fair city played Hostess to the District Convention, June 16 through 18. *Janet Swartz Lord* and her committee did a tremendous job, and there were so many highlights that it is difficult to pinpoint the brightest. However, all agree that the banquet was indeed inspirational, as guest-delegates from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and British Columbia played special tribute to our new chapter at Whitman College, Walla Walla, Washington. A beautiful silver tray commemorating the occasion was presented to them with everyone's heartfelt congratulations. We were pleased to have *Mary Brandriff*, Grand Third Vice-President, as a special guest, and were particularly thrilled when our own *Myra Stevens Blackman* was elected as the new District President.

For the first time in anyone's memory, we held a summertime all-city meeting . . . our new chapter president gave us a party! And I for one, hope it's the beginning of another tradition! It was a perfect blend of business and fun, with the emphasis on congeniality, a trait that marks our group. We know it inspired the members, for the dues have already been 30% paid, and our year has not yet officially begun! We feel that it will be a year that's 100% for Theta.

Lolly Noonan Durkan

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FEDERATION

The 15 Southern California alumnae chapters and clubs forming the Southern California Federation, held their biennial Benefit on February 7, 1957 at the new Beverly-Hilton Hotel. Luncheon was served to a capacity crowd of 1,000 Thetas and guests during the showing of fashions by Irene, who donated an original suit won by Katharine Boothby Reed of the Pasadena chapter.

Mary Boylen Smith, President of Federation, had for her most capable chairman, Rose Nelson Harrington. Space permits mentioning only a very few of the wonderful committee chairmen—Decorations, Jo Sheward; Reservations, Betty Fager; Donations, Sally Chapin; Publicity, Jean Talman. To all the others and these go the credit for such a successful party.

Net profit from the Benefit was \$7,106.93. Part of the money was distributed to the local chapter houses—\$50 each to San Diego, Santa Barbara and the University of Southern California; \$1,000 to U.C.L.A. for kitchen improvements as theirs was considered the greatest need this year. The balance of the profit was distributed among the participating chapters and clubs to be disbursed to Logopedics, the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society (Federation's mutual charity), and their own local charities. One new philanthropy was begun—a \$500 scholarship for a deserving college Theta at either U.S.C. or U.C.L.A. It is being used for the first time this year by one of the girls at U.S.C.

The Federation, for the first time also, sent their own delegate, new president Rose Harrington, to Districts VII and IX Convention last June.

This being the non-Benefit year, the entire Federation will combine to have Founders' Day on March 22, 1958 at the Huntington-Sheraton in Pasadena. Allyn-Joy Colburn is chairman. Beta Xi and Omicron chapters will attend to add to the event.

Besides being a working organization, the Federation enables Southern California Thetas to get together at least once a year to renew and make lasting friendships.

Bobbie Burns Beck

SPOKANE

This has been a fun year as well as one of accomplishment for the Spokane chapter. We have experienced the rare privilege of seeing the birth of our new Delta Delta chapter at Whitman. Hazel Beil (Alpha Nu) has brought us a vivid word picture of their rushing, installation and first initiation. Her wonderful descriptions have made us relive those important events in our own chapter lives.

We feel extremely fortunate in having Theta's Grand First Vice-President, Hazel Beil, in our group. Her enthusiasm is boundless and she brings us close to the heart of Theta. She told us of her visit to the Institute of Logopedics and gave us a more intimate glance at the Theta Court. Hazel was selected "woman of the year" by the Panhellenic group.

The Panhellenic Ball, one of Spokane's most enjoyable social events, was held at the Davenport Hotel December 7. A large group of Thetas and their hus-

bands gathered for a cocktail party preceding the ball at the home of Mary Bell Bennett Backlund (Beta Theta).

Our annual Christmas Coffee was well attended. Joan Kulzer Miller (Beta Theta) extended her hospitality and charming new home to a group of nearly 100 active and alumnae members.

Founders' Day luncheon was held January 26 at the Manito Golf and Country Club. Plans were made by our capable chairman, Dorothy Perkins Rodgers (Alpha Chi). There was all the charm and dignity that we always associate with this important event. Helen Kreizinger our district president, a very warm and stimulating personality, was guest speaker. She gave us a closer look into the active chapter life and reminded us of the many humorous events that we experienced and find the Theta girls are still experiencing.

Each year we have a money making project to enable us to help support our national philanthropy, the Institute of Logopedics, as well as our local project, the Rehabilitation Center. At a party given at the Center on February 14, we presented a gift of art supplies. Our fund raising project and guest affair this year was a bridge party held on March 13 at the Women's Club.

A summer picnic for active and alumnae members concluded this year's social calendar. Edna Mae Endslo Brown (Alpha Sigma) opened her beautiful Lake Coeur d'Alene summer home to us. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent swimming, boating, and playing badminton and shuffle-board. The party was concluded with a delicious buffet supper served on the patio overlooking the lake.

The year was successfully led by Edna Herrington Brooks (Beta Theta) as president. This year we are



Patronesses from the Pasadena chapter for the Southern California Federation Benefit were, left to right: Leeta Morris Richards (Omicron), Eleanor Cooke Esterly (Alpha Upsilon) and Alice Kurtz Patty (Alpha Mu).

proud to announce that Edna is a Panhellenic representative serving on the board in the capacity of Philanthropy Chairman. We are looking forward to equal success under Tille Niederle Walker (Alpha Lambda), assisted by the following new officers: Jean Harris Kantjas (Alpha Sigma), vice-president; Shirley McBride Pozzi (Alpha Sigma), recording secretary; Marilyn Krops Appel (Alpha Lambda), corresponding secretary; Patricia Sheeley Conley (Alpha Sigma), treasurer; Colleen Cooke Heideman (Alpha Lambda), assistant treasurer; Eileen Adair Davidson (Beta Theta), editor; Phyllis Carter Perrine (Alpha Sigma), archivist.

A most cordial welcome is extended to all alumnae living in or near the Spokane area to join our group.

We are eagerly looking forward to the 1957-58 season.

Eileen Adair Davidson

SYRACUSE

During the past year of 1956 and 1957, the Syracuse Alumnae chapter had a fine, active season from both a social and philanthropic view point.

The annual September box luncheon, held at Rosa Pennock's home, opened the season, at which time Dede Kasberger reported on her inspiring trip to Banff. A successful rummage sale followed later in the month, with profits going to Logopedics. Chairmen for that event were Virginia Allen and Nancy Carl, with special thanks to Ida Chamberlin for her wonderful private sale.

A jewelry sale at Chi birthday party and proceeds from the Fun and Frolic Dance at the University Club added to our contributions to the Institute and the House. Wilma Sands and the Actives boosted magazine sales with their amusing skit on November 12.

Ed Labs was a wonderful Santa Claus at the children's party. Following, in January, Mother's Club invited us to a splendid performance of *My Fair Lady*.

February 11 brought Founders' Day and an interesting book review of *We Who Wear Kites* by Phyllis Lynip.

Marian Pinkerton was hostess in March for election of officers. Spring luncheon at Cynthia Taylor's home and "Couples Party" at Jane Poole's home, along with the hilarious White Elephant Sale, were both enjoyable occasions.

June Banquet ended the year's activities with Florence Barton, chairman. A poem, composed and recited by Esther Berchard, '12, was one of the high spots of the evening.

Preview of an exciting, new venture! Coming soon—November 1 and 2—our "Flaming Festival" at the Museum of Fine Arts, Barbara Barth, chairman; proceeds going to the Institute of Logopedics and The Frank C. McCarthy School for Retarded Children, Syracuse. It will be a fascinating display, featuring the use of candles to highlight table settings and floral arrangements, with particular emphasis on the various holiday seasons. Entries will be judged for beauty, originality and appropriateness.

Ann Clifton Pfau

TOLEDO

They say, "If you want a job well-done, ask the busy woman." Toledo Thetas did just that and Janet Ryman Leahy is the president of our chapter this year. Her enthusiasm is contagious and I know we're headed for a big year. Janet has four small children and how she bubbles, without her bare nerves showing, is a mystery.

Janet Geyer Laird and Ann Boyer Sawyer are heading our committee for Christmas card sales. Thanks again to Texas for a pretty card at a reasonable price. This is such a practical way to earn for the Institute. Sending and receiving these cards is a most enjoyable experience.

Our work for Child and Family Agency continues under the leadership of Janet Haas Waltz. Janet reports that Thetas have totaled 721 volunteer hours for the year. 700 of these hours were probably given by Janet herself. (Please don't be offended, girls. Just trying to prove how devoted Jan is and how grateful to her we are.) Three hundred diapers were hemmed. Sixty-nine Christmas gifts were purchased individually, carefully wrapped and given to wards of the Agency.

Another interesting job we undertook for Child and Family was to furnish a small waiting room for adoptive parents. It turned out very well making a pleasant room for the moment that joyous parents receive their long-awaited baby. It's a nice feeling to be associated in any way with that room.

Ortha Smith Black took over Rush Board and has things very well under control. The "busy woman adage" also applies to Ortha. She has four children; Bonnie, a Theta at Ohio State; Tito, about to enter the same University, and two younger children. At a rush meeting at Black's we were amazed as two, three, four, then five young ladies drifted down from the upper regions of the house. Yes! They were all active Thetas, and even Ortha herself was astounded as introductions were made. Ortha runs a real establishment at home and yet has time for almost all the civic duties asked of her. We Toledo Thetas are extremely proud of Ortha Smith Black.

We had a lovely Christmas Open House at the home of Harriet Beecher Leiphart. Harriet and Henry's home is a dream. For decorations Harriet departed from the traditional and used pink and silver—sincerely sensational!

Also at Christmas we entertained our actives and their mothers at brunch. It was such a happy occasion with gay girls, proud mothers, smiling Thetas and that glad feeling of Christmas; love is best.

Mil Green Boggs

TOPEKA

The Topeka Alumnae chapter has been going strong this past year. All meetings were held at the chapter house at Washburn. Probably the program in which the most interest was shown was a talk on antique jewelry by a representative of a local jeweler. Also, a program on antique silver was a very interesting one to the members.

New officers for the years 1957-1959 were elected

at the March meeting and are: president, Marjorie Crane Schnacke; vice-president, Maxine Gossett Emerson; recording secretary, Sally White; corresponding secretary, Nancy Shell Hurd; treasurer, Kathryn Welty Worley; assistant treasurer, Helen Minter; Panhellenic delegate, Betty Carmean Fisk; Panhellenic alternate, Mary Warner Kline; press relations and editor, Charlotte McClymond Stutz; fraternity education, Janet Pollom; archivist, Marguerite Nellis Wakeman; projects co-chairmen, Charlotte Reiber Rooney and Nancy Boyle Farmer; magazine chairman, Helen Hunter Ream; calling chairman, Peggy DeVore Reid; courtesy chairman, Helen Baird Beatty.

In May the project to benefit the Institute was a "Table Setting Exhibit and Tea." It was held at one of the local grade schools, so parking was no problem and expenses were held to a minimum. The alumnae worked diligently and had 30 different table settings, ranging from settings for parties for children and barbecues for adults to settings of fine china and antiques for teas and buffets. On a stage at one end of the room a wedding table was featured and on either side were tables—one set for a trousseau tea and the other for a bridal dinner. Coffee, tea and cookies were served and we felt it was a worthwhile project—one that could be continued for several more years.

The May meeting was a picnic with the active chapter at Washburn as our guests and especially honoring the graduating seniors.

During this summer a dessert-bridge party was held to raise money to give to the Alpha Upsilon Association to help get the house at Washburn ready for rush week. The house committee hired an interior decorator, Marjorie Nelson Smyth (Mrs. Dan), a Theta from Wichita, who put the project on a five-year plan so complete coordination in furnishing the house would be carried out. This fall before rush week the downstairs was worked on and everyone who sees it is truly impressed. The entire active and alumnae chapters were truly grateful to Mrs. Smyth for her untiring work spent in planning and carrying out the decorations. Of course, there is more to be done—painting the outside of the house is in the offing, but that has to come as money is available.

The first meeting of the fall season was held in September and the 23 new Alpha Upsilon pledges were introduced to the group.

Charlotte McClymond Stutz

TUCSON

A Southwestern welcome was given to the pledges of Beta Delta chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta by the Tucson Alumnae chapter at the first meeting of the year for 1956-1957. Featuring Mexican fare and the balmy Tucson fall weather a buffet supper was held at the home of Mrs. Alfred Kerr. A business meeting followed the party and the annual handbooks were distributed.

A book report on *We Who Wear Kites* given by Ramona Marsh Brittain highlighted the October business meeting held at the home of Mary Ann Adams Kinder. Several new members were introduced to the group.

The Christmas season is annually celebrated with a

Christmas coffee for the alumnae and the Theta Mothers Club of Beta Delta chapter. This informal and amiable affair is given each year by Elizabeth Hill Dinsmore and Mary Waugh Raymond.

In Tucson the alumnae celebrate Founders' Day with a dessert at the Beta Delta chapter house. Chatting together informally with the members of the campus group gives one a closer feeling of fraternity and perhaps a touch of nostalgia? After the formal ceremony led by our president, Margaret Hill Pruitt, the pledges presented a skit and Ann Strehlow Vance, chairman of the Alumnae Advisory Board, discussed the accomplishments of the Beta Delta members during the school year.

Another custom has been initiated by the Tucson Alumnae. In order to boost the morale of our local campus group, a committee of alumnae makes and takes sandwiches to the chapter house for a post-rush meeting snack.

In May the Tucson Alumnae chapter sponsored a benefit movie and all resident alumnae were responsible for selling tickets. The proceeds were sent to the Institute of Logopedics in Wichita. Sis Strehlow Crydermann was chairman of the event.

Our last meeting of the year again featured a Mexican motif with a party honoring the graduating seniors of Beta Delta chapter. Green corn tamales were the main item of the buffet supper served at the Lodge on the desert, the home of Nancy Webster Lininger. The seniors were given gifts of straw purses decorated by an alumnae committee. They were then welcomed into the alumnae group with a candle-lit ceremony given by the incoming president, Pam Rowe Gilbert.

Ramona Marsh Brittain

TULSA

The year of 1956 was the first year of our separation into Junior and Senior alumnae groups. So many of the junior members have young children that they find it more convenient to hold their meetings in the evening and let their husbands "baby-sit" for them. We older gals enjoy our luncheon meetings. However, we did have three joint meetings, one of which was the Founders' Day luncheon at the Gamma Tau lodge which was attended also by the college members.

The money-making projects for 1956-57 were many and varied. The Junior group held a successful dance and also had a book review and hat style show. The Senior group sold hose, stationery, silver polish, pecans, music boxes and Christmas cards. Both groups sold Social Capers.

Our main project for 1957 is the "Flaming Festival" to be held at the Philbrook Art Center. The Festival is an exhibit of original table arrangements for Christmas, Thanksgiving, Bon Voyage parties and other special occasions. Rare and unusual candles will be sold. We are expecting a large attendance, and hope that it will become an annual affair that will be anticipated by all Tulsans.

Under the leadership of our two new presidents (Mrs. William Francis for the Juniors and Mrs. Robert Wheeler for the Seniors), we are looking forward to a wonderful year!

Virginia Dye Loy

VANCOUVER

Fund-raising for the campus Panhellenic House is the big project for members of the Vancouver alumnae this year. Tentative plans for the house show a split-level design, with suites for each sorority on the top level, and a large common lounge below. The feature of the building will be a roof garden looking towards the campus, and over our famous Straits of Georgia. Although the University of British Columbia doesn't allow sororities to have separate houses, Theta will soon have a delightful "apartment" home on campus, in co-operation with the other members of Panhellenic.

Included in the fund-raising work will be a Fall Sales Day when Panhellenic members will help staff a big downtown department store for a day. Theta alums will also help through our very popular sale of business and personal Christmas cards. In the midst of the housing plans is Kappa Alpha Theta representative Jill Say Hossie, who is city Panhellenic vice-president, and next year's president-elect.

May we point with pride to Kay Sellens Taylor, whose husband, John, was elected to the Canadian Parliament in Ottawa during the Federal elections this summer.

We are also very proud of our active chapter, which won second place in the Greek Letter Societies' Song Fest. We all had a welcome opportunity to hear their harmonies during rush week.

A Junior alumnae group is another of our 1957 projects, under the chairmanship of alumnae past president Eleanor Gooderham Crawford.

We have decided to make our meetings more social this year, and, with fun in mind, have delegated more authority to our hard working executive. As a result we have had, at our winter meetings, a white elephant sale (hats were hot-cake items), a lecture from a nursery gardener, and a trip around Europe, with the aid of colored slides. We're not forgetting our work with the Children's Aid, though, and are still sending birthday cakes and presents, as well as treats for special occasions to the youngsters at the Boys' Receiving Home.

An up-to-date directory of Thetas living in British Columbia is just about ready to go to press. Any B.C. Theta who would like to be included should send the pertinent information to Joan McEachran Bullen, 3526 West 38th Ave., Vancouver 8, B.C. Out-of-town alumnae may have the directory and the monthly news letter by contacting Mrs. Bullen, and becoming associate alumnae members.

Alumnae members and their husbands will celebrate the Christmas season at a cocktail hour party, which is planned for early December, and will gather again on Jan. 27, for our Founders' Day banquet, at the Delmar in Vancouver.

Janet Caple Dolman

WASHINGTON, D.C.

A profusely illustrated and realistically presented report of the 1956 convention by the chapter president, Florence Whitacre Fassett, featured the opening dinner meeting held, in October, at the Wesley Heights Community Club. Members of the Executive Board served as hostesses.

In November, following one o'clock dessert, those who were fortunate to attend were entertained and enlightened by Sergeant Yowaiski, Professor of the District of Columbia Traffic and Safe Driving School.

As is the custom in December, the Christmas spirit prevailed and an unusually large crowd turned out to exchange gifts and enjoy the lovely home of Jonabelle Hunt Truitt in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Founders' Day was celebrated, in January, with a well attended luncheon at the Shoreham Hotel, the traditional spot for such affairs. The Alexandria, Arlington-Fairfax and Fairlington-Parkfairfax Alumnae clubs joined us, as did many actives from the local universities, Maryland and George Washington. Mr. Ernest A. Lister of the State Department, a Theta husband, spoke on "The Role of the Foreign Service in U.S. Foreign Policy."

Instead of a February meeting, the group met for luncheon and a lecture tour of the National Art Gallery.

At the annual March business meeting held in the spacious home of Dorothy Smith Flood, the following officers were elected: president, Mary Janet Hamilton Blackburn; first vice president, Hazel Lotze Whittaker; second vice president, Mary Prise Downer; treasurer, Dorothy Mohlman Farr (re-elected); recording secretary, Carolyn Neilson Curtin; corresponding secretary, Gladys Morris McDonnell.

A "Bring Your Own Sandwich" luncheon at the Manor Country Club Estates home of Helen Schutte Kueffner proved to be just right for an April day and a large number turned out to hear Hazel Lotze Whittaker review new Broadway plays.

The season closed with a unique dinner at the Fairfax Hotel Club Studio where the business firms who furnished the various products which we ate, also supplied enough door prizes for about everyone. Graduating seniors of Maryland and George Washington Universities were special guests and received gifts and an invitation to join this or other alumnae clubs.

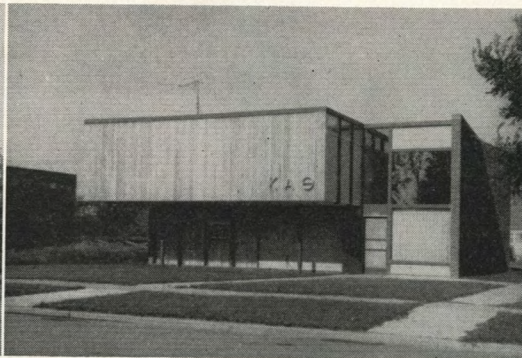
Mary Janet Hamilton Blackburn, District Convention delegate, made us feel as though we, too, had been in Durham, S.C. by her graphic and enthusiastic report of what transpired. She announced that Maxine Stark, Beta Epsilon, and Eda Boos Brewer, Gamma, were elected District XVI President and Alumnae District President (re-election) respectively.

The customary rummage sale was omitted this year so the chief money maker was the sale of Christmas cards. More money than ever before resulted from the enthusiastic and persistent efforts of Lucy Seeman Borth, Kappa, chairman of sales. We were, consequently, able to continue two scholarships for speech correction work—one given to Carol Dalton, George Washington University; the other to Carolyn Jane Eble, University of Maryland.

Several small social groups, organized in various parts of the Metropolitan area, meet regularly for luncheon and to play bridge, contributing a specified amount of money each time. This money is a big help in furnishing "extras" for the two local active chapters.

Mildred Benton

A day to remember



The tornado that whipped through the city of Fargo, North Dakota June 20, 1957 was one that Gamma Nu will long remember. The new house stood in the path of the big wind, but it was left almost untouched amid the debris. However, the old house, left only a little more than a year ago, did not withstand the storm as well. What happened to the house that was left behind is best told by the picture. Compare the two houses, as Gamma Nu has done, and you'll understand just how proud they still are of the new house, and how thankful that it was spared.

Claire Ann Walker

WICHITA

The Wichita Alumnae chapter has had an interesting and busy year. It is difficult to segregate the highlights but we will try to recall a few of the outstanding activities.

Our money raising project last year was a "Flaming Festival" which was held in Betty Gaines Murfin's lovely home. Because of the inspiration and success of the Kansas City alumnae chapter with their Flaming Festival, we decided to "borrow" their project, only on a smaller scale in keeping with the size of our chapter. We included a home-cooked food sale and raffled off a pair of silver candelabra. Through this triple effort we were able to donate \$667 to the Institute of Logopedics. We take great pride in the fact that this is the 4th year we have been able to write a check to the Institute for \$500 or more.

Our traditional Christmastime Eggnog party was held in the holiday-decorated home of Kay Russel and, as usual, all present had a very gay time.

Founders' Day was celebrated in the swank new Petroleum Club with dinner and a musical review of "My Fair Lady."

Last spring we were honored and delighted to have Mary Brandiff with us for three days. She was here attending Greek Week at Wichita University at which time national sororities sent representatives to investigate the possibility of establishing chapters on the University campus. While her schedule was a busy one we felt we had an opportunity to renew acquaintances and to benefit from her knowledge and personality.

We rounded out the year with summer rushing, the highlight of which was our annual Hawaiian party, held on the lantern-lit lawn at Susie Stout's home. Thirty out-of-state rushees were entertained in true Hawaiian fashion by a clever skit written and pro-

duced by our talented Kappa chapter actives.

We plan to close our year by again entertaining all alumnae and husbands at our holiday Eggnog party. We will also honor our actives and pledges and their parents at this time.

Lisette Frick Kleber

YAKIMA

Under the able leadership of our new board—president—Virginia Webb Bice (Alpha Lambda), vice-president—Rosemary Eschbach Homes (Alpha Sigma), secretary—Barbara Nelson Schultz (Alpha Sigma), treasurer—Lee Ann Lindeman Matson (Alpha Sigma)—we are looking forward to a busy year with forty-eight active members in our group.

We have decided upon three good money raising projects. Through the sale of Christmas cards this fall, a plant sale in the spring and a dance at the end of summer, we hope to have a full treasury. In addition to aiding the Institute of Logopedics at Wichita, Kansas, we send two local handicapped children to camp for a week in the summer.

We have an interesting and varied program for the year with speakers, a Christmas coffee for the actives and their mothers, a play review and a party for our husbands. Instead of our usual dinner, we are having a Founders' Day luncheon January 21 at the home of Barbara Sanders Rankin (Alpha Sigma).

Yakima proudly boasts of eight actives represented by three schools—Joan Eckles, Marilyn Mashburn, Peggy Severn and Skippy Skinner are at Washington State College—Alpha Sigma, Elizabeth Churchill, Janice McPhee and Becky Haskins go to the University of Washington—Alpha Lambda and Pat Moore is our active at Whitman College—Delta Delta.

Jill Chamberlain Lewis

We'll see you at Grand Convention?

*"Death is an ending to the son of
The earth, but to the soul it is
The start, the triumph of life."*

—Kahlil Gibran

Nathalie V. Armstrong
Alpha Zeta Chapter, 1910
December, 1953

Ruth Marshall Ayars (Mrs. Stewart V.)
Tau Chapter, 1917
Evanston, Illinois, September, 1957

Desha Hubbard Bracken (Mrs. James)
Alpha Gamma, 1899
Columbus, Ohio, October, 1957

Echo Turner Brennan (Mrs. James J.)
Alpha Pi Chapter, 1911
Minneapolis, Minnesota, September 1, 1957

Caryl M. Gidley Bublitz (Mrs. William F.)
Alpha Pi Chapter, 1925
March 18, 1957

Janet Bacon Cox (Mrs. James)
Alpha Kappa Chapter, 1924
November 19, 1945

Norma Heathman Collins (Mrs. E. L.)
Alpha Sigma Chapter, 1919
October, 1957

Ellen Chesbro Bell (Mrs. W. John)
Mu Chapter, 1888

Blanche Stanford Donovan (Mrs. Andrew W.)
Upsilon Chapter, 1899
Los Angeles, California, May 28, 1957

Katherine Brundage Dean (Mrs. W. Clark)
Chi Chapter, 1900
Narberth, Pennsylvania, September 14, 1957

Mary Greene Griffin (Mrs. Charles S.)
Delta Chapter, 1895

Louise Ray Hall (Mrs. J. A.)
Beta Zeta Chapter, 1922
September 4, 1957

Leta Baker Leach (Mrs. Hendrich)
Mu Chapter, 1882

Estelle Fuller Lorton (Mrs. James)
Alpha Chapter, 1896
September, 1957

Lillian Constance Swift Martinetti (Mrs. Carlo D.)
Iota Chapter, 1894
May 31, 1957

Clara Walton Prescott (Mrs. Henry W.)
Omega Chapter, 1904

Adele Reeves Ratcliffe (Mrs. Kent E.)
Alpha Lambda Chapter, 1926
July 5, 1957

Emily Hettinger Smith (Mrs. Maurice R.)
Alpha Delta Chapter, 1916
September, 1957

Elizabeth Clevenger Scott (Mrs. Willard B.)
Gamma deutron Chapter, 1930
Columbus, Ohio, October, 1957

Marian Neville Stark
Mu Chapter, 1898

Letitia Trace Taylor (Mrs. Charles)
Mu Chapter, 1894

Mary Van Cleve
Upsilon Chapter, 1892
Minneapolis, Minnesota, August, 1957

Sara Miller Watson (Mrs. Robert C.)
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January 13, 1957

Marion Marshall Winter (Mrs. Robert C.)
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Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania, August 30, 1957

Orbie Mason Sanville (Mrs. George W.)
Alpha Chapter, 1911
Salem, Oregon, October 4, 1957

Jerry Hinson
Gamma Iota Chapter, 1947
1954

Hazel DeWitt Malcolm (Mrs. H. R.)
Beta Tau Chapter, 1929
Fall, 1942

Doris Ray Gamble
Mu Chapter, 1917
Albuquerque, New Mexico, October 19, 1957

Leonora Armstrong Nealley (Mrs. W. J.)
Alpha Zeta Chapter, 1907
July, 1955

Catherine McGill
Tau Chapter, 1952

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Omega Chapter, 1892
June, 1957

Katherine R. Wickson
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September 10, 1957

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Elizabeth Elliot Taylor (Mrs. James Edwin)
Phi Chapter, 1917
Minneapolis, Minnesota, September 5, 1957

Myrtle Minnie Boone Pratt (Mrs. Fred A.)
Alpha Sigma Chapter, 1915
Pasadena, California, July 27, 1957

Nobility

There are two kinds of nobility. Nobility of position . . . which a *few* are born into. Nobility of disposition . . . which *all* of us can strive for.

We do not hear the word noble used very much these days. Why? First, because there are so few royal personages left in the world today. Secondly, because noble is the formal or old-fashioned term for generosity, high ideals, and service.

If we take a quick glance into history, we find these very qualities in the noble kings and queens. From this type of royalty came the familiar expression "Noblesse oblige," which simply means "nobility obliges," and that is why it is so noble. The essence of nobility then, is service.

How can we bring this nobility into our lives as sorority sisters?

Here are four practical rules of putting nobility into action. If we try to follow these rules we can be not only happier sisters together, but better persons everywhere.

Keep your promises. We must all share responsibilities in the house. If we give our word to do a job, then let us take it willingly and perform it cheerfully.

Keep your temper. We are one big family. Only by being patient and understanding of one another's faults and appreciative of each other's abilities can we help and learn from each other.

Keep your mouth shut. Rather than be clever and popular at the expense of hurting a sister's reputation or character . . . keep quiet. If there is need for criticism, give it kindly and directly to the right person.

Keep your heart warm. We should be ready at all times to help one another without looking for reward—even at the cost of personal inconvenience. To keep our heart warm, we have to keep happy, keep smiling, keep trying, and keep loving.

If we *really* try to keep these rules day by day, we may be sure that we will learn not only the meaning of nobility, but the living of it, too. And it's by the living of it that Kappa Alpha Theta will be a happy, harmonious home for all of us.

• Ann Brink

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THIS IS CALLED an "action picture," or is about to be. To prove their readiness for initiation, Gamma Sigma's fall pledge class ventured into the baseball field at San Diego State, kites in hand, ready for the launching party. Luckily it was one of those days when March "came in like a lion" and, with enthusiastic assistance by active Thetas and fraternity men, all kites soared successfully.

Just as the little blind boy in Monnie Banta's story, who flew the kite because he "liked to feel the tug," actives and pledges alike enjoy the soaring feeling one gets while watching the kite go higher and higher, as the sport becomes a symbol.